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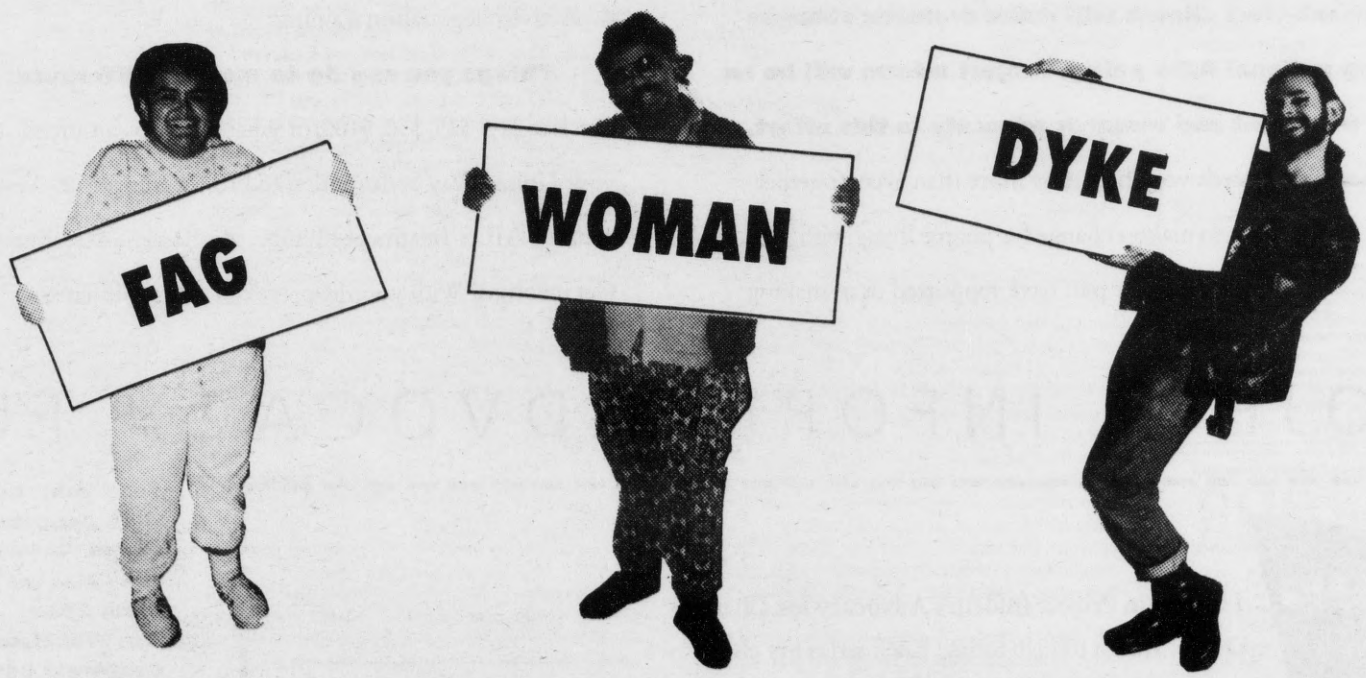

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People of Color Made Invisible

The following letter was sent to the San Francisco Examiner:

The People of Color Advisory Committee advises the City's AIDS Office regarding HIV issues and the People of Color (POC) communities. Its members are service providers representing agencies and programs serving Communities of Color. As a committee, we feel we must respond to some of the comments, statements, assertions, assumptions, misrepresentations and omissions in Lisa Krieger's series of articles on San Francisco AIDS programs.

First, we feel the articles were one-sided. Twenty-five percent of the newly diagnosed AIDS cases in San Francisco are among People of Color, yet despite the fact that members of our communities are infected and dying we were made invisible in the articles. All official sources of information and opinion in the articles were white gay men from mainstream organizations. There were numerous references to "AIDS experts" and "leaders and activists," yet no leaders from our communities were quoted. POCs have leaders and we are capable of articulating our own needs. We do not need white gay men to dictate the agenda for our communities.

Second, Ms. Krieger either omits or misrepresents some key facts. HIV disease did not just recently "cut a swath" through POC communities. In 1981 POCs accounted for nearly 17 percent of the diagnosed cases. Gay and bisexual men of color have been part of the AIDS picture since the beginning—both as patients and activists.

Ms. Krieger goes to great lengths to illuminate the 38 programs serving (although she prefers the highly offensive word "catering") POCs, but she fails to mention who the majority of programs and service dollars serve. No mention is made of the racial and ethnic populations of San Francisco—POCs are the majority of the population. Ms. Krieger also fails to mention recent Department of Public Health and UCSF studies identifying POC populations as being at greater risk for HIV infection due in part to the failure of early prevention efforts to be targeted toward POCs. She ignores the fact that HIV infection is spreading fastest among POCs and women.

Third, Ms. Krieger makes several assumptions that are not supported by facts. She assumes: that "large gay/white agency" equals "efficient agency"; that large agencies can deliver competent services to POCs; that a poor rating on one specific contract equals an inefficient agency or program; that low client numbers equals duplication or lack of need; that POC service providers do not work together; that all Latino, Asian/Pacific and African American (she omits American Indians on several occasions) programs target the same clients within those groups; and that Boston, Seattle and Chicago are appropriate comparisons to San Francisco.

The truth of the matter is that Ms. Krieger fails to demonstrate that she has the slightest idea of what HIV infection looks like in POC communities. In the African American, American Indian and Latino communities, large numbers of AIDS clients are heterosexuals with substance abuse histories. In the Asian/Pacific Islander and Latino communities, language and immigration laws are barriers to the provision of services. POCs are not monolithic groups and POC service providers have to address the heterogeneity of groups in order to be effective and provide culturally competent services. We must also deal with geographical issues, given that all of our populations do not live in the same area of the City.

Most POC programs and agencies serve *traditionally excluded clients.* Our clients have survival needs, are long-term survivors of economic disenfranchisement; some are chronically homeless, jobless and live in poverty. HIV can be addressed only after basic survival needs are met. Because of these factors, services have to be provided in the context that POCs can consume, even if they are more expensive.

All of the above are crucial factors to be considered when evaluating POCs needs and programs. In her rush to push forward her agenda, Ms. Krieger's omissions of these factors are glaringly apparent. Citing two of the most racially polarized cities in this country as examples to follow is ludicrous. The Ryan White Care Council in San Francisco has attempted to address the needs of all affected communities. The same cannot be said for Boston and Chicago.

It is 1992 and it is well documented that HIV infection affects all of our communities: gay, straight, white and POCs. POCs pay taxes also and "taxpayer dollars" are appropriately going to meet our needs. It is not a matter of POCs "screaming for their piece of the pie," given that some of us are merely scrambling to lick the tin! Most of our organizations do not have development directors or policy analysts or large bureaucracies.

We all acknowledge that AIDS service providers must be more efficient and collaborative efforts are crucial to the future. However, POC groups are presently part of larger coalitions and collaborations. We are taking pro-active steps to address the problems of limited resources and to plan long-range strategies. Our programs and agencies have made some significant progress in addressing HIV infection within our communities. Our staffs are made up of many hard-working, dedicated and competent professionals. POC service providers are making a difference and Ms. Krieger did the entire SF AIDS service community a disservice by her failure to recognize the contributions of People of Color.

The People of Color Advisory Committee
to the San Francisco Department of
Public Health AIDS Office

Social Binders

It's always good to see the opinions of lesbian separatists in the newspapers. I used to be a separatist until certain lesbians decided that lesbians who play with whips and chains are not real wimmin-loving womyn. I guess I still believe that women should have their own planet, but I still can't see what is so "offensive and repulsive" about male genitalia to dykes. I have always found the man behind the penis to be the offensive part, not vice versa.

Just because dykes see a few beefcake photos in the *B.A.R.* doesn't mean the photos were meant for them! Haven't you ever seen a puppy chasing its tail, or watched, with amusement, a cat trying to pounce on that elusive beam of light on the kitchen floor? These beefcake photos don't represent any offense to my dykeness and if, through attracting more gays to our fine city, they serve as a social binder, more power to them.

What is really offensive and repulsive is that certain gay businessmen, in the name of keeping the Castro "clean and tidy," have ripped down flyers and posters of other gays who can't afford to put up signs or pay for ads in the papers. By doing this they have once again taken the public places for meeting and messages and put them in the hands of the few. They should realize that many of the allegedly "scummy people," who supposedly drive away business, are also gay.

I wonder if the clean freaks are the same ones who ripped down the women's "Take Back the Night" flyers? I saw certain men rip down these flyers, which advertised a march that women hold to make the streets safe for women that one night, a march to help women get over the trauma of being raped by men. There were certain "let's-keep-the-Castro-clean (and for men only)" boys who called it the "I hate men march."

While we're on the subject of males and females, let's talk about transsexuals. As far as male-to-female transsexuals go, since men invented the concept of femininity, it is only natural that they should embody it. Only a man, I believe, can truly understand what he wants out of femininity. Lord knows I have had no luck with this difficult concept.

The more the merrier!

Johanna Lee
San Francisco

May Martin Prosper

As a former staff member at Project Inform, I was quoted in Tim Kingston's article on the organization in your Nov. 19 ("Mid-Life Crisis at Project Inform," *SF Bay Times*) issue.

There is something I said to your reporter that did not get into the article. That is: Despite the current situation at Project Inform, I believe that Martin Delaney has done extraordinary service in the interest of people with HIV. The problems described in the article do not detract from his accomplishments as an advocate for better and faster ways of getting new HIV treatments through the system to people who need them.

I hope that both Marty and Project Inform will prosper, in some new relationship that works for the good of all concerned.

Larry Tate
Former Hotline Manager, Project Inform
San Francisco

We Love Camp

Queer Scouts wishes to take this time to applaud all those who have joined us in sending the message to the Boy Scouts that their bigotry is unacceptable and to the Bank of America that their corporate support of these bigots has its consequences. Thanks to those who have come to our demonstrations and put our stickers up, who came to testify at the school board meeting that resulted in the Scouts' ultimate eviction, who stopped contributing to the United Way because of that group's support for the Scouts, who individually took a stand and removed their accounts from the Bank of America in spite of the lines of "non-political" patrons who still use the BofA in the Castro.

Our unity on this issue in the last year and a half and the progress we've made continues to send an unequivocal message to bigots everywhere—from the Boy Scouts to the Republican Party to corporate giants—that when we want to we can speak loudly and effect change. We empowered other queers to launch similar battles in Hawaii, Seattle, Chicago, Boston, Milwaukee, New York, Pittsburgh and San Diego. By continuing to focus on one of the core symbols of "traditional family values," we have compelled others to evaluate their own association with the Boy Scouts and those who support them. This has led not only to Wells Fargo and Levi Strauss withdrawing their support for the Scouts, but police departments canceling affiliations with the Scout's Explorer programs.

Perhaps more importantly, we have proven to ourselves that we are not powerless in our constant war to fight institutionalized homophobia, whether we are fighting an 81-year-old organization like the Scouts or a corporate giant like BofA. The war goes on....

Queer Scouts
San Francisco

In the Spirit of Malcolm X

In the spirit of Malcolm X, I went to the 5:30 show at the Presidio Theatre on opening day. Instead of the anticipated long lines, there was a line of about ten police stalking the theater (and others patrolling in unmarked cars). I was furious.

When I asked them what they were doing at the theater, one officer stated that the movie had "racial overtones" and that they were "protecting the neighborhood" from gang violence. With a wink and a nod (I am white) he suggested I should be happy about this decision. I said I didn't feel protected; I felt provoked. "Well, if there was a movie about the Ku Klux Klan we'd be here too," he assured me. "There's a difference," I firmly replied. "The Klan killed people."

I find this to be an incredible waste of taxpayers' money and an example of obvious racism. I'm sure there wasn't a greeting committee at *Dracula.* And what about *Terminator 2*? *Malcolm X* contains little violence, and is an ultimate plea for racial harmony. Perhaps the police chief and the mayor should see the movie before they continue with this absurd policy. Or maybe Mr. Jordan has left his heart at the ballgame!

Marc Huestis
San Francisco

Thanks for '92

Thanks for making 1992 more adventurous, more interesting and even sexier with your help through *SF Bay Times* Personals.

David Lee
Stockton

Care in Prison

I am glad to see that the *SF Bay Times* is looking at an obscure aspect of HIV care—namely, HIV-positive individuals who are in prison. Being one of the physicians named in your Oct. 8 ("On the Strike of Their Lives for Their Lives") and Nov. 5 ("A New Tactic as Another PWA Dies....") articles on such care at CMF (California Medical Facility, Vacaville), I know extremely well the obstacles that prisoners face. Prison health care can be inefficient, cumbersome, inadequate and frustrating, both for the prisoners and the health-care providers who work within the correctional system. It is an often archaic system of health care that is even further impeded from reaching community standards of medical care by the umbrella of custody and financial issues that surrounds it.

However, there are a few individuals within the system who attempt to do their best to provide prisoners with the highest level of care and support possible. Along with such individuals as Drs. Maisonet, Clarke, Hagar and Diamond, to name a few, I view myself as one such person. Therefore, I resent being lumped into what is viewed as a group of uncaring, ineffectual professionals dealing with the AIDS epidemic in the prison system. While the system, on the whole, is well-deserving of the barrage of criticism leveled by Mr. Kingston in his ar-

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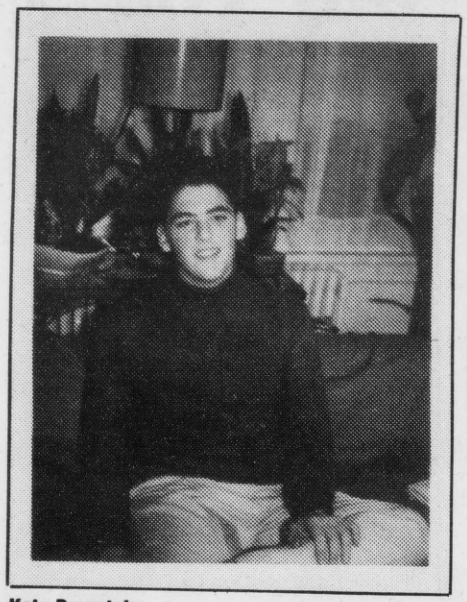
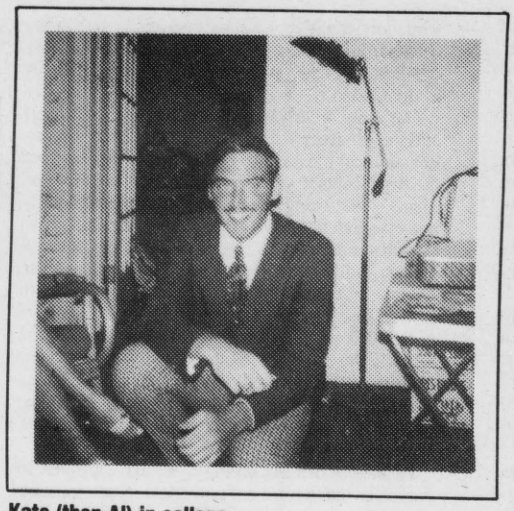
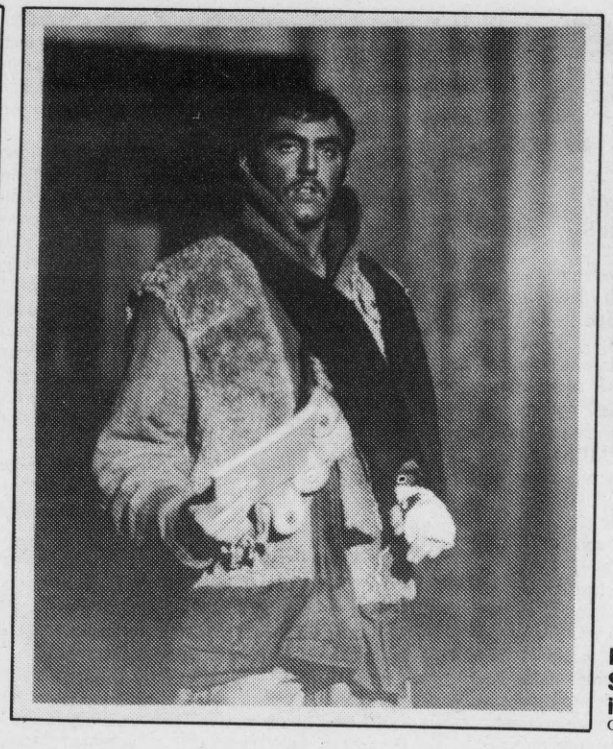


Kate Bornstein (then Al) at age 13.



Kate (then Al) in college, age 20.



One of the first photos of "Kate"— Philadelphia, 1985.

Kate (then Al) in Shakespeare's "Henry V" in 1968. Photo by Glenn Tonneson

A Plan for Peace

by Kate Bornstein

The letters flying back and forth between the transsexuals and the lesbian separatists are approaching violence—from both sides. I've stayed out of these slings and arrows for a year now, but this last round has hurt some people deeply; and I've been putting a theory together that might shed some light on the subject for long enough that level heads on both sides of this issue might sit down and come to some agreements.

As a self-styled "transsexual lesbian," the question I'm asked most often on talk shows, panels, or in person is: "What do *the lesbians* think about you?" I hem and haw, and point out that there is no monolithic community called "the lesbians"; that some lesbians like me just fine, and some lesbians have objections to me. And I add that I don't hang out where I'm not wanted—but that wasn't always the case.

I grew up as a boy and a man, socialized with a uniquely male sense of entitlement. When I later went through a gender change, this sense of entitlement led me to believe I could go anywhere that *any* woman went. I came to realize I had no right to force my presence on anyone; and I began to live my life on the principle that I would not go where I wasn't needed or wanted. This has done much to balance out any assumed sense of entitlement.

It's this male sense of entitlement carried into their new lives as transsexual women by many male-to-females, and adopted as part of their new lives as transsexual men by many female-to-males, that ends up with the transgression of lesbian space, identity and power. If violence is defined as a non-consensual act upon someone's space or person, then transsexuals are nothing short of violent if they demand admission into the ranks of "women born women" lesbian separatists who don't want transsexuals there.

So, assuming both parties in this war want "peace," the first *act* of peace would be for the transsexuals to back off and stay off. Real simple—it's called a cease-fire, folks.

The second act of peace would be for both sides to examine what this war is about. My idea is that this is a war of identity—gender identity, to be specific. (As to my own identity, I call myself a transsexual lesbian fool. I've been called dyke, faggot, asshole and sweetheart. I've been called a castrated man. And *all* these labels are correct from the point of view of the person doing the naming.)

OK, the conflict seems to boil down to this:

Lesbians have a group called *lesbians*. Some transsexual women and men want inclusion in the group. The transsexual women want *in* to confirm a sought-after identity. The transsexual men want to *stay* in because there are friends and lovers involved in the community; and in many cases because a significant part of their identity was forged in the lesbian community.

The subculture that lesbians have created is based on a lesbian *identity*. Within this subculture, lesbian *identity* equals power. Lesbian separatists or essentialists do not want to include these transsexuals because it would muddy the identity, and bleed off any power that might be building up.

WHAT MAKES THE WOMAN OR THE MAN?

That brings us to the third act of peace: Both lesbian separatists and transsexuals need to seriously question the definition of a lesbian identity. They need to ask the deceptively simple questions: What is a woman? What is a man?

Some would define a man by the presence of a penis or former penis. Some would define a woman by the presence of a vagina or former vagina. I know several women in San Francisco who have penises. Many wonderful men in my life have vaginas. And there are many people whose genitals fall somewhere between penises and vaginas. What are they?

Are you a man because you have an XY chromosome? A woman because you have XX? How many people who've written letters to this paper have had a chromosome test to determine their gender? Then how do you know what gender you are, let alone the gender of your partner? There are, in addition to XX and XY, some other known sets of gender chromosomes, including XXY. Could this mean there are more than two genders?

What makes a man—testosterone? What makes a woman—estrogen? If so, you could buy your gender over the counter at any pharmacy.

Are you a woman because you can bear children? Because you bleed every month? Many women are born without this capacity, and every woman ceases to possess that capability after menopause—do these women cease being women? Does a necessary hysterectomy equal a sex change?

Are you a man because you can father children? What if your sperm count is too low? What if you were exposed to nuclear radiation and rendered sterile? Are you then a woman?

Are you a woman because your birth certificate says female? A man because your birth certificate says male? If so, how did that happen? A doctor looked down at your crotch at birth. A doctor decided, based on your external genitals, that you would be one gender or another. You never had a say in that most irreversible of all pronouncements. And if you had been born a hermaphrodite, with some combination of both genitals, the doctor would have fixed you. Without your consent, and likely without the consent or even knowledge of your parents. You would have been fixed. Fixed into a gender. We don't allow hermaphrodites in modern Western medicine. We fix them.

But let's get back to that birth certificate. Are you female or male because of what the law says? Is law immutable? Aren't we legislating every day in order to change the laws of this state, this nation, this culture?

I've been searching all my life for a rock-bottom definition of woman, an unquestionable sense of what is a man. I've found nothing except the fickle definitions of gender held up by groups and individuals for their own purposes. This culture, for example, says we need to be either a man or a woman—that it's totally natural to be only one or the other. Natural. Is there *any* perfect duality in Nature? Of course not! Why, then, do we buy this culture's word for it? The same culture that tells us it's "natural" to be heterosexual.

MUCH IN COMMON

The fourth act of peace would be an in-depth response to the question of commonality between transsexuals and lesbians. Like most combatants, the two sides have a great deal in common.

Both the transgendered and the separatists are struggling for self-definition. Self-definition is a symptom of the need for privacy. We self-define in order to mark our space, as if to say: "Step back; I'm getting crowded here."

By saying, "I am the__," I also say, "*You* are *not* the__, and so you are not in my space." Thus, privacy is realized. Nothing wrong with self-definition. Where it falls apart is in attempting to define *someone else*. Lesbians say transsexuals are not real women, not real men. And transsexuals say that *lesbians* as a group must include transsexuals by definition. This attempt to enforce an unwanted definition on one another is nothing short of violence, from each party toward the other. The violence is done in the name of "protecting" the purity and sanctity of one's identity, be it either woman or transsexual.

Another form of this violence would be self-definition by devaluation of an outsider. Claiming purity or superiority implies someone else's *im*purity or inferiority; and these actions would need to be avoided by both sides of this conflict for the sake of a lasting, peaceful co-existence.

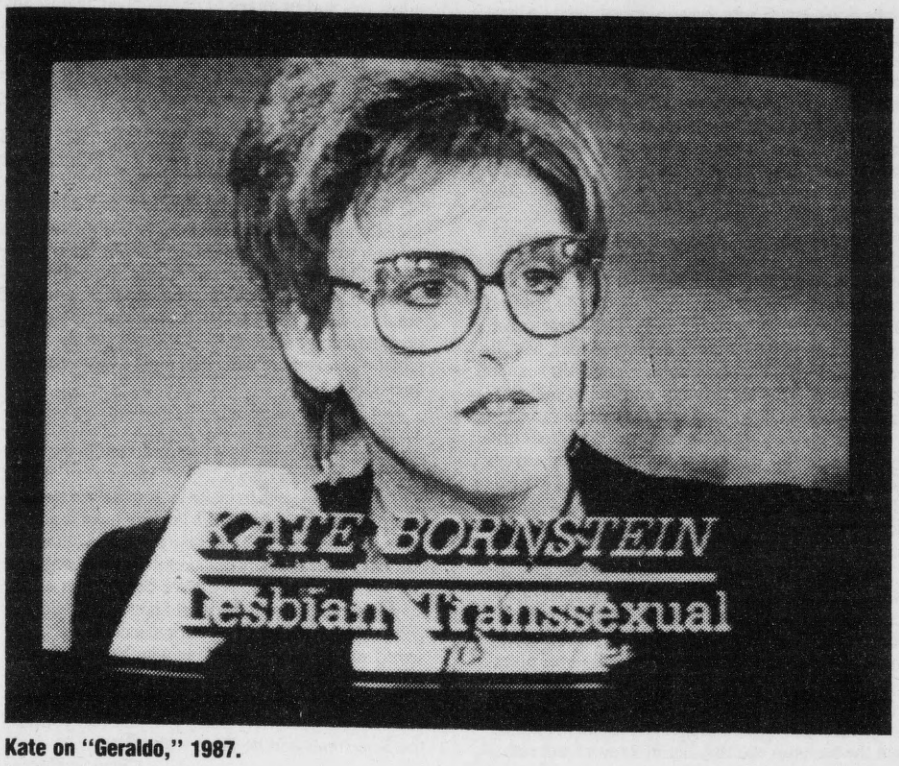
Another point in common: Both transsexuals and lesbians reject current gender codes. Transgendered people beg the question: What is gender? If a man can become a woman, and a woman become a man, then what are men and women anyway? That's a dangerous question.

Lesbian separatists also beg the question: what is gender? This culture defines women by their relationship to men. Lesbian separatists laugh that one off, and tell people to rethink that formula. That's a dangerous act.

Both lesbians and transsexuals have succeeded in redefining *woman*, and in fact expanding the definition of *woman* to a point where it no longer includes *man* nor depends on the existence of men. I'm including female-to-male transsexuals in this idea as perhaps the most dangerous to the culture: If a woman can become a man, then *woman* can no longer be oppressed, because any given woman may not really be one.

Paradoxically, both lesbians and transsexuals

Who gains the most from keeping both factions at war with one another? ... Who stands to lose the most from free and powerful lesbians and transsexuals running around and having a good time of it? ... The Patriarchy!



Kate on "Geraldo," 1987.

Kate in San Francisco, 1990. Photo by Catherine Harrison

Kate at Gay Pride Day Celebration, 1992. Photo by Catherine Harrison

need their genders. It hurts, it's frightening to be without a socially approved gender, to buck the system. To say, "I'm redefining things around here" is an act of almost reckless bravery when it comes to identity and the culture. Talk about an identity crisis! The culture will not endorse the newly chosen, newly forming identity. The culture will do everything it can to eradicate that identity; and the culture's most effective weapons are humiliation and violence.

Transgendered and separatists alike experience their share of these two whips of the dominant culture, so each tends to cling to the idea of an essential woman or man. At least there's some grounding in the culture at that point. But here's the kicker: Why would anyone want to ground in a culture that would kill them if their true nature were revealed?

WHO DOES THE WAR SERVE?

The open existence of both lesbians and transsexuals plays havoc with the "natural superiority" of patriarchally defined men, women and others. This brings us to the fifth act of peace; and that is for each side to discover from their own point of view who exactly is promoting this war, why and how.

The common oppressor to these warring outlaws could easily be spotted by asking: "Who gains the most from keeping both factions busily at war with one another?" The oppressor would seem to be the one most invested in maintaining the existence of the binary gender system. The common oppressor of transsexuals and lesbians alike would be the one who stands to lose the most from free and powerful lesbians and transsexuals running around and having a good time of it. The common oppressor of transsexuals and lesbians is the one most invested in the myth that gender is fixed, and that one gender is naturally more privileged and powerful than the other. The common oppressor is known as the patriarchy, which includes modifiers of race and class and economy. Transsexuals and lesbians intersect at the point where they are despised by the patriarchy.

Having named the common oppressor, the next act of peace would be to determine what barriers remain to working together to overcome that oppression. These barriers would more than likely be built into the structure of both the transgendered and the separatist lesbians. I can speak in detail to the structure of being transgendered.

From the standpoint of any revolution, the transgendered are pre-Stonewall. To date, there's been no rallying point for the transgendered. We haven't been pushed far enough, apparently. Transgendered people by and large believe they must stay hidden, buried within the dominant culture, because the shame is so great to come out *as* a transgendered person.

Separatist lesbians, by comparison, are *post*-Stonewall. Separatists want to stay apart from the dominant culture. Both the separatists and the transgendered are isolating. It's when they bump into each other in that lonely dark night of isolation that sparks fly.

LEARNING TO LIE

Coming out into a transgendered life today is parallel to coming out as lesbian or gay in pre-Stonewall times. There are no role models, no voices of encouragement. There *is* no sense of pride. There *is* what might be called "the therapeutic lie." The therapeutic lie is the vow of silence imposed on each and every transgendered person by our therapists, peers, family and friends. It's a lie built into the very fabric of transsexuality.

It goes like this: "Now that you've done all this work to become a (man/woman), don't let anyone know you were anything else! Don't say anything, or worse, don't look like anything else than what you've wanted to become."

Therapy for transgendered people consists of shunting them from one box into another. Male to female or female to male. No therapy promotes following a truly non-gendered life. Transsexualism remains the only condition for which the therapy is to lie. And so what happens? We lie. We say things like, "I'm not transsexual; I'm a real woman." (Back to the merry-go-round of what's a real woman!)

I've heard quite a few myth-conceptions within this fledgling transgendered community. We say things like:

"We are normal men and women." Most people will agree there is no such creature as a normal man or woman. (My personal belief is that there are only people who are naturally fluidly gendered and struggling to maintain the illusion that they are one or the other.)

Some say: "We are better men or women than men-born-men or women-born-women." This reflects the hierarchical patterns of the hetero-patriarchy. The idea of better-or-worse is not an idea of love, but an idea of oppression. Carried to a self-pitying extreme, this becomes: "We are the most put-upon of people." Spoken by an educated, white, middle-class male-to-female transsexual, this statement is simply an admission of political and social ignorance and supreme arrogance.

I've heard transsexuals say everything from, "We are the chosen people," to, "We have an incurable disease." And how about, "We are trapped in the wrong body," a statement that has become the leading cliche of the transgendered. It's an unfortunate metaphor, one designed by the medical profession in order to fit within cultural restrictions. It may not be an accurate reflection of feelings. In the absence of words to express a gender identity not included in this culture, we grab for metaphors—other people's metaphors—and when we find one that seems to explain our position, we stop looking. It's time to look for new metaphors: new ways of communicating transgenderism to gendered people.

A DAWNING MOVEMENT

That brings us to the nebulous transsexual movement. It parallels the African-American, Women's, and Gay & Lesbian movements. But *we* don't organize. Remember—in this culture, and particularly in our therapy—we are advised, told, threatened and cajoled into silence. "Don't tell anyone you're transsexual." Of course we don't organize. We barely have the strength to *talk* with one another. But that is changing, as evidenced by our presence today in these pages.

The transsexual movement has begun. It needs to overcome booby traps laid in by the dominant culture, and it has to forge alliances. At this time, the movement is peaceful. Most movements are, when they start out. Our violence may come one day. I sincerely hope my people don't fall into the violence of the dominant culture. My actions these days are to work with others to forestall violence if we possibly can.

The separatists also have a few land mines built into their culture. The need to separate for reasons of self-healing and in order to consolidate identity is part of an anthropological model which, cross-culturally, has emerged each time an individual or group needs to forge an identity within some dominant culture.

There are even *transsexual* separatists these days—a group of male-to-female transsexuals who once a year go off to spend healing and learning time with one another; and they permit only post-operative transsexual women. I don't object to this; I'm merely pointing out yet another parallel.

But there comes a need to move forward out of separateness *without losing one's integrity*; without knuckling under to the oppression that touched off the separatism in the first place; and without sacrificing one's hard-won power and confidence. Having come forward, there's a need to include—for reasons of cultural healing, and in order to consolidate a peace with co-existence.

Many lesbian separatists are not, and may never be, in a position to move out of their separatism. But an act of peace on the part of the lesbian separatists would be to honestly question the need for continued separatism. Nothing more than that. And in turn, the transsexuals need to honestly question their need for inclusion. Nothing more than that.

In their struggle for inclusion, the transgendered might consider this: Who gets to include whom?

Transgendered people may not in fact practice gay or lesbian sex, and so may not themselves be lesbian or gay; gays and lesbians are invariably perceived as "transgendered"; that is, they break one of the cardinal rules of gender, which is, "Thou Shalt Be Heterosexual." Lesbians and gay men share a stigma with transgendered people—the stigma of gender code violations.

So, rather than ask to be included, perhaps the transgendered could seek to do the including. In any case, both sides of this debate would be well-served to forge alliances in the face of oppression. And only this bonding will permit a true revolution of both sex and gender.

Representatives from both sides of this discourse need to sit down with one another. Male-to-female and female-to-male transgendered, and lesbian essentialists/separatists need to ask each other sincere questions, and give each other honest responses.

That, coupled with an attitude of respect and a willingness to learn, would give us a chance of ending this war. ✿

COMMUNITY FORUM

Not Patriarchal Constructs

This letter is in response to the letters of those women in the Nov. 19 issue of *SF Bay Times* who feel that transsexuals and transgenderism are patriarchal constructs. While they are certainly entitled to their point of view, I must vehemently disagree with it. We are not patriarchal constructs and the idea that we are is itself a construct and patriarchal propaganda, based on Judeo-Christian attitudes about gender, as many indigenous cultures—perhaps most—can show us, if we will but look. Finally, we must be aware that the oppression of transgendered people has historically been interwoven with the oppression of people of color and gays and lesbians.

Many, if not most, indigenous cultures—Amerind, Siberian, Asian, Polynesian and others—have long histories of accepting and honoring their transgendered people. In North America, the Dine, the Zuni, the Illinois, the Iroquois, the Lakota and many others revered and honored their nadle, lhamana and winkte. It was only after the white invaders came with their missionaries and Indian agents and armies to pacify and "civilize" these "blood-thirsty savages" that the indigenous peoples turned against the transgendered among them. Cristobal Colon and his pirates set dogs on these "depraved, wretched sinners," the indigenous transgendered people of the Caribbean islands. The Christian missionaries forbade them to cross-dress and often had them tortured and condemned as

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"sodomites." Time and again, history is full of these horror stories. No, transgenderism is most assuredly not a patriarchal construct.

To quote from the Transgender Caucus of the Freedom Day Committee of Seattle: "The gender community is also multinational and diverse. Transgender people share issues involving gender or sexual identity or expression...."

Often people and institutions with ignorant and bigoted attitudes toward lesbians, gay men and bisexuals as well as transgendered people lump us all together. In 1979, I was walking to my house in the Mission and was jumped by three teenage boys who couldn't determine what sex I was. In 1970, I was raped. In neither case did I feel that I could go to the police for help.

Last year a transgendered client of mine was killed in the Tenderloin as she was going to some friends' house for dinner, from her shift at the HIV vigil. The police still have not solved the case. Transgendered people are in many ways more vulnerable to anti-gay violence because we are often more visible. All of us—transgendered people, bisexuals, lesbians and gay men—have been harassed, ridiculed, discriminated against and subjected to violence "because someone decides we're too queer to live," as the Transgender Caucus puts it.

The only thing that is new in terms of transgender issues is the technology to enable us to alter our bodies to suit our psyches. Medical colonization is a problem that we in the transgender community must deal with. However, the need for medical services is still there. Transgendered people commit suicide or perform "bathroom surgery" on themselves (bent coat hangers anyone?) because they cannot get help. Goddess only knows how many times I've come across that situation as a counselor.

Transgender issues and the oppression of anyone else who is "different" in this heterosexist, transphobic, racist, ableist, weightist society we live in are interlinked. Remember, it was the transgendered community who were among the leaders of the Stonewall Intifada. Transgendered people grow up daily with assaults on their bodies and minds. We have long been denied access to schools, clubs, jobs, etc., because of who and what we are. Just ask a 14-year-old transgendered sex worker of color about "access!" The queer community is too small to be divided over this issue. Queer-bashers don't care if you're a transsexual dyke, a non-transsexual dyke, a transsexual gay man, a transsexual heterosexual, a non-transsexual gay man or what, if they think you're "different." My client was heterosexual in her identification. I'm sure her murderers didn't stop to ask.

Christine R. Tayleur
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Accusations Should Be Made in Court

I was surprised and angry to read the *SF Bay Times'* Nov. 19 issue. One expects, and does find, an occasional hate letter in the *Chronicle* or *Examiner*. Even they are usually editorially responsible enough to run a positive letter in response.

The gist I got from the letters, besides the ignorance and bigotry, was that "Bev Jo" was the recipient of some unwanted and unspecified action from a lesbian transsexual (prior to this person's dealing with her transsexuality), and wrote a passionate attack on all lesbian transsexuals in response. This is perhaps understandable, but certainly not warranted, as she can not have had experience with all lesbian transsexuals. An equally passionate attack on her followed the next week, again perhaps understandable, but certainly not warranted. Why that week's letter writers found it worse for being personal is hard to follow, as an attack on all lesbian transsexuals would and should certainly be taken as personal by all lesbian transsexuals.

Accusations such as Bev Jo's should be made in the courtroom, not the press, and referring to an unnamed lesbian transsexual writer smears a number of people more effectively than had she named names, as all lesbian transsexual writers come under the cloud. Can you say "McCarthy"? Additionaly, a lack of response is not an admission of guilt.

As to women-only spaces being barred to lesbian transsexuals, I find that kind of bigotry unacceptable. Are the writers going to be the inspectors? What criteria will be used? How will we notify the lesbian transsexuals, or is that not necessary? Will personal suspicions or innuendo be enough? Must we all bring our birth certificates and two witnesses to women's events in the future?

The term "lesbian" was not, I believe, coined by lesbian feminist separatists and is used by heterosexuals, gay men and lesbians to describe two women loving together. That covers transsexual women as well as "womyn-born womyn," whatever that means. The East Bay letter writers do not own the language.

I hardly think questioning the right to attend public functions by a powerless minority is a legitimate "ongoing discussion." Remember when NOW members felt they were being infiltrated/used by lesbians? Many of this week's letters express a similar spirit. If you feel threatened by the mere existence of a type of person, and wish to exclude them for your comfort, you are a bigot, by every definition of the term.

Karen Gallaghar
San Francisco

Human Continuums

The controversy over Bev Jo reminds me of the silly joke about how there are two kinds of people: those who think there are two kinds of people and those who don't. It's clear that some lesbians think there are, if not just two kinds of women, at least definite separate groups that can be tidily labeled and filed away for future exclusion. As a bisexual woman, I'm aware that I'm in one of those groups, and that my loyalties and political views don't matter. Although, for myself, I don't really care—any club that wouldn't have me as a member isn't worth joining—I really have to deplore the intolerance and the sheer ignorance that makes some people think they are so unique that they have to reject others who arrive at the same identity by a different route.

Humans are not organized by nature into distinct groups. We are placed in any number of continuums. Few people are 100 percent gay or straight, or totally masculine or feminine. Some are truly androgynous. In society, we all suffer and get rewards—in different proportions perhaps, but not so as to make it worth competing for the title of "most downtrodden." Your experience may be a little different from mine. I may have some advantages you didn't have, you most likely had a hell of a lot I didn't. So what, if we share the same loyalties and work toward the same ends? The problem seems to be that some people aren't up for the little bit of extra work it takes to accept and welcome others who are different. Or that they confuse "different" with "threatening"—a component of all prejudice.

The Bev Jo discussion has degenerated into a lot of paranoid stereotypes, and could use a dose of reality. There seems to be a lot of confusion in the recent letters about what men and women are really like. Ms. Jo even goes so far as to suggest that some men desire lesbians so much that they would go to the extreme of cutting off their penises to get them. She obviously doesn't know much about men. For a true man, the loss of his penis would be an incalculable mental and physical loss. No sane man would, for any reason, cut off his dick. Certainly not to get dates with lesbians. What good would it do him to get the lesbian if he didn't have his dick to use when he did?

On the other hand, some letter writers seem to believe they are protecting themselves from male personality traits by excluding transsexual women from their groups. Not so. Woman-born women can have all the faults we associate with men. Carefully building an exclusive little lesbian society won't protect you from power-trippers, exploiters, or rude, abrasive people. I have known transgender women who are gentle and unaggressive, and genetic women who are coldly ambitious, unsupportive and predatory. I have never noticed any particular tendency for transsexual women to be more masculine or aggressive than other women. People should understand that besides identifying as women and devoting themselves to the queer community, most transsexual lesbians are on hormone treatments which make their moods and emotions follow the same patterns as those of genetic women.

I deplore the insulting tendency of some intolerant women to refer to transsexual women as "he" and insist that they are men, or to demand, as one letter writer did, that a special category be created for them. Since we, as women, have experienced patronization by both sexes, I suggest that we try to avoid patronizing others by refusing to believe what they say of themselves. Transsexual women say that they have known they were female from earliest childhood and that they felt they were in the wrong body. How can anyone dispute someone else's experience of their gender identity? What possible advantage could an apparent man gain from claiming to be a woman if it weren't true (possible dates with lesbians notwithstanding)? As feminists, we have insisted that biology is not destiny. Why, then, should we tell transsexuals that for *them,* it is. Bev Jo demands to know how anyone can believe that doctors turn men into lesbians. The answer is, no one believes this. The doctor's don't change anyone's real identity; they make the outer shell match the inner reality.

Why is there so much resentment by lesbians of transsexuals for their supposed privilege? Take for example the comment of one letter writer that men alone have "access to privilege, to places, to schools, clubs, jobs, etc." Sure, on an average, men do have more privilege. But that doesn't mean that *each* man does. That depends on class, race and individual circumstances. The system of male supremacy does not benefit all men. One category of man that is positively harmed by it is the femmy, unmasculine man. This man is excluded from male bonding, beaten up by the "regular guys," called "faggot"—yes, sexually harassed. The person who grows up this way does not exactly feel like a master of the universe.

I feel strongly on the subject of sexual harassment. I, my sisters, and many other women I know have been subjected to it. But I'm afraid that, due to her tone and her inaccuracies about men, I do not find Bev Jo credible on the subject of sexual harassment. I notice that in two letters to the newspaper, Ms. Jo never says what happened to make her feel sexually harassed. This seems very unusual to me. Sexual harassment takes many forms. I have never heard a woman claim "sexual harassment" without giving some details, because using this blanket term is as uninformative as saying, "He was mean to me." How can Ms. Jo make such a big issue of whatever occurred 20 years ago without explaining just how serious it was?

The alleged harasser, in her own defense, says she was a friend of Ms. Jo in high school and part of college, and that she was attracted to Ms. Jo. In her second letter, Ms. Jo doesn't deny this claim (being more interested in denying that she was ever bisexual). If these two people were at one time friends, I find it hard to imagine that real sexual harassment could have taken place. Sexual harassment requires that the harasser see the victim as an object rather than as a real person, and this is hard to do after years of friendship. Perhaps Ms. Jo found the attraction distasteful, but an unwelcome infatuation is not the same thing as sexual harassment—a contemptuous and hostile verbal or physical attack. I would look twice at a vague claim of sexual harassment from someone who believes that men cut off their dicks in order to infiltrate lesbian society.

Cris Gutierrez
San Francisco

Don't Understand Hate Mail

Perhaps you did receive a big bag of hate mail targeted at transsexuals prior to the last submission deadline, and perhaps there was not one letter written to defend their rights; that still would not justify printing two pages of hate mail with no rebuttal whatsoever. *You* were socially irresponsible.

Both you and the East Bay Hate Squad make me ashamed to call myself lesbian. You see, for some of us it is not a political choice, we just have this thing about falling in love with women. I suppose that is why it is easier for us to understand transsexual women. We all are who we are and hopefully will find love somewhere in the living of it all.

And so I do not understand the hate mail. It makes me angry. I have to remind myself that I do not want to spend my life filled with the hatred and bitterness expressed by those people. I do hope that members of the lesbian, bisexual and gay communities of the Bay Area will do something to make this a safe place for all sexual, ethnic, gender and racial minorities.

I believe that the bisexual, lesbian, gay press has an obligation to defend the rights of those who have even less of a voice than themselves. I do hope that the *SF Bay Times* will show more responsibility for itself in the future. Hate mail is hate mail. What you printed was of the caliber of the hate literature that drives young lesbian and gay teenagers to commit suicide. Perhaps you see the lives of transgendered youth as less valuable.

Linda Heidenreich
San Francisco

Tabloid Swamp

As if it weren't bad enough that your cover rejoices at the death of a "witch," only a matter of days after Hallowe'en, and that said "witch" turns out to be George Bush—we sink even deeper into the tabloid swamp by reading your letters section.

I leave it to others to determine which is the worst offense: that an answer to a letter by a lesbian separatist stating her political opinion about her own community is titled "Responding to Slander"; that a man who has had a certain amount of surgery and medication is encouraged to call himself a womon and a lesbian; or that *anyone* is permitted to write gossip about another person's sexual past and get it published. I will not stoop to challenging the truth or falsehood of the accusations, because nothing could be less relevant. What is relevant is that he was not named in Bev Jo's letter, and could easily have remained in the anonymity she granted him; that he chose, instead, to fling mud at her from behind the skirts (pun intended) of his group; and, that this publication lacked the ethics to refuse him space for such cowardice. We must not, as a community, allow this sort of attack to be launched against any lesbian. That a man is given space to do so adds injury to insult and only serves to prove Bev Jo's points. Did he imagine that claiming to reveal secrets of her sexual past was a way to disprove that he is a sexual harasser?

No further proof should be needed that this whole transsexual/bisexual assault on lesbian identity has only one end: to render lesbians completely invisible and obsolete. If a woman who sleeps with both females and males is a lesbian; and, if a man who submits to a surgical procedure to bring his body in line with his acceptance of sex role stereotypes, is a lesbian; and, if a straight woman whose spiritual bond is with other females is a lesbian, then what is a female-born female who loves only other females? Soon there will be no logical answer to that question.

The world, including the gay male world, has never been comfortable with the idea of lesbians. Today's "queer" movement will find itself in the same quandary as yesterday's "gay" movement: dykes will have to struggle to make their presence known, because any acceptance of a generic term is acceptance of a male term. This *is* the patriarchy, after all. Lesbians exist publicly only insofar as we can make our presence known. We have been doing so for some years now, and the world gets a good deal of assistance in counteracting our presence by a "gay" world and a "queer" world in which there is really no such thing as a lesbian.

The only remaining question from *this* lesbian separatist is this: Why don't you just call yourself the *Boy Times* and be done with it?

Caryatis Cardea
Oakland

Trans Segregation

I have ambivalent feelings about the new "Trans" section in the Personals. While it's nice to have recognition, it also brings up feelings of: "Here's your own section, now we don't have to deal with you [transsexuals] any more." I don't know that's what was intended by creating this section, but it is something that others and myself have talked about.

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SFBT responds: We started the "Trans" section of the Personals, in part, to address the issue of transgender/transvestite invisibility in the queer community. As we began to get more and more personal ads from transgendered people and transvestites, it became increasingly clear to us that sticking these ads into the Men, Women and Bi sections—regardless of how well or badly they fit—was inappropriate to say the least. It is certainly not our intention to say to the transgender/transvestite community, either implicity or explicitly, "Here's your own section, now we don't have to deal with you any more." On the contrary, we are saying, "Here's your own section. We recognize you as a distinct and valuable part of this community and want to deal with you as such."

At Least Two Sides

All stories have at least two sides. It was insightful and refreshing to read a rebuttal of Bev Jo's letter by the very person, albeit anonymously, who she so vehemently attacked. If the details are true, then it is the old story of deflection—by trashing someone else you draw attention away from your own fear of discovery—in this case of former bisexuality in a present-day avowed lesbian. It was painfully obvious Bev Jo is ashamed of her past, but isn't 20 years a long time to carry so much anger?

As a multi-faceted person still evolving (a married bisexual, femme/butch, cross-dressing transgenderist), I do not call any one community home, but count my friends among all: gay, straight, leather, bi, trans. *SF Bay Times* is to be commended for running the only Personals column I know of for "Trans" people, and for continuing to publish controversial letters so that we may all contribute.

The newly formed Transgender Nation struck a chord as a group to support in some way, to promote more understanding between all the factions that seem to form around gender issues.

I also want to raise the transsexual question regarding "women's space" going in the other direction, female-to-male. There are many women who are as butch as some FTM transsexuals, who upon declaring themselves "women," would be allowed into the Michigan Women's Music Festival. If they declared themselves to be "men" or "women in transition," would they be allowed to participate? Perhaps it is time the lesbian community re-examined its criteria of what constitutes a woman (or man). And does it really matter? Maybe someday there will be a time when we can all coexist, learn from each other and share our unique diversity as human beings on this small planet, together.

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Merrily, We Eat Our Own:

March on Washington Comes to Grips With Transgender Issues

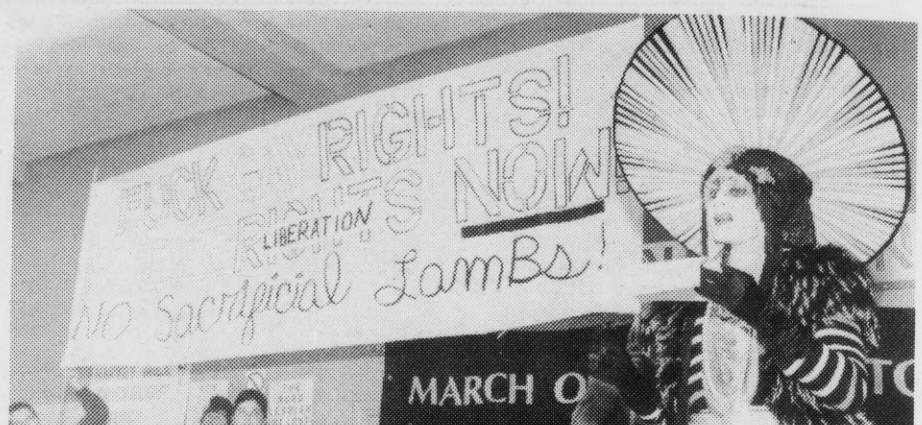
by Val C. Phoenix

A rift has opened up between members of the transgender community and organizers of the March on Washington. At a March on Washington Town Meeting at the Eureka Valley Recreation Center on Nov. 21, a contingent of transgendered people and their supporters confronted local organizers, charging exclusion from march planning, and promised to disrupt the march if their demands were not met.

The march, officially titled "1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation" and set for April 25, has a complex organizing structure with decisions made by modified consensus. The local organizing committee for the North Bay had called the town meeting to share information and answer questions. A contingent from Queer Nation/SF attended to show support for visible inclusion of transgendered people in the march.

Facilitators Gerard Palmeri and Judith Lerner, co-chairs of the North Bay committee, were on the receiving end of much of the anger. The two tried to keep the discussion among the 100-plus attendees on an even keel, but the meeting was characterized by shouted accusations, with a few whistle blasts thrown in for good measure.

At issue was not just the omission of the word "transgender" from the title, but the feeling that the march might be trying to keep out "fringe" elements of the community in order to seem more acceptable to straight society. Drag activist Sister Vicious Power Hungry Bitch read a statement exhorting the community to stop sacrificing transgenders and other "unacceptables". "We angrily repudiate civil rights activists who make queers the sacrificial lambs at the altar of gay/lesbian rights," he said, citing the example of a lesbian judge in Oregon who described the behavior of men in nuns' habits as "abhorrent."



March on Washington meeting on transgender visibility: "We're not going away."
Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Sister VPHB then read three demands, which were not specifically endorsed by Queer Nation/SF. "We call on Queer Nationals throughout the country to a die-in in front of the march banner, bringing to a halt the entire march. And then quickly unfurl a new banner that states 'National Lesbian, Transgender, BiSEXUAL and Gay Liberation.' We will storm the stages if no Queer/Transgender speakers and issues are addressed and will repaint the stages' backdrops to include Transgender or Queer."

Anne Ogborn, a transsexual who was speaking as a representative of Queer Nation/SF, read a list of pre-arranged questions as to why transgenders were not in the title and literature and concluded, "When is it going to be fixed?" Responding, Lerner repeatedly stressed that she agreed with the demands, but that the national steering committee, made up of 17 organizing regions and numerous member groups, had made the decision. Northern California, one of the seventeen regions, had lobbied to include transgenders, but the motion had not received the necessary two-thirds majority.

Lerner urged transgenders not to boycott the march. "I think it would be great if transgender people went to the march and bannered. I would help you," she implored. Ogborn also questioned the decision-making authority of the march's Executive Committee, which has mandated racial and gender parity, but includes no transgendered people.

The tension level rose perceptibly when, finding the answers unacceptable, Ogborn and others began blowing whistles. Barbara Dinnerstein, a member of the Executive Committee from SF, stepped to the front to do more explaining and conciliation, but Ogborn would have none of it. Without the inclusion of "transgender" in the title, "It's not my march," she said. Sister VPHB declared, "We expect you to be as angry as we are" and demanded that Northern California subvert the process.

At one point, a supporter of the transgender contingent made a comparison with the Black civil rights struggle. Northern California march reps

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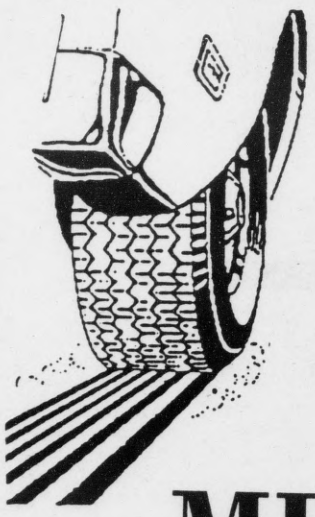

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Karl Knapper and Tonya King, both African-American, objected. King said, "Do not refer to the African-American community!" and left the room. Cross-currents of hostility were palpable. A lesbian screamed, "Nothing's gonna get solved because nobody wants to compromise!" bringing scattered applause.

In the end, Lerner agreed to take up the issues at the next national steering committee meeting in February in Washington, D.C., and to support transgenders in demonstrating at the march.

NATIONAL MARCH RESPONSE

Michelle Crone of the march's 12-member Executive Committee told *SF Bay Times* that there is "absolutely no way" that the title of the march would be changed at this late date. She said that the committee's meetings have been open all along and that all segments of the community were represented, including a transgender caucus. "It's all about compromise. As far as I know, everybody who has been working with the group from the beginning has been a part of chiseling out the compromises."

Ogborn responded that the members of the caucus are not representative of the whole transgender community. "There aren't 100 out politically active transsexuals in the United States. The cost of being out is extremely high. The reason we're not more visible is that we are oppressed and harassed within the queer community."

Ogborn has not spoken with anyone in the national office. For her part, Crone said that one member of the executive committee, Nicole Ramirez Murray, identifies as a drag queen, but not as a part of the transgender community. "He's not knowledgeable about the transgender community. There's a little struggle about just what is the transgender community."

The new visibility within SF at least certainly got the attention of local march organizers. Dinnerstein told the group at the meeting, "This is, for me, like waking up. You've educated me."

Sister VPHB felt that the meeting was constructive. "We finally got the Northern California committee off the apologies and on to strategies as to how to fix the problem...We're not going away. They might as well embrace us and find a way to get 50 percent plus one of the vote, and work out rhetoric and strategies to reply to the right wing when they use queer members of the community against us." Crone agreed on the latter point. "We need to work out a national strategy and stop eating each other up."

Crone compared the current discussion to efforts by bisexuals to be included visibly in the march's title and planning. The inclusion of bisexual in the title sparked a day-and-a-half battle back in January that led to the compromise use of the word "Bi." (See "Setting the Stage for the Next Nat'l March on Washington," *SF Bay Times*, Feb. 13.)

More recently, the platform was debated and was whittled down from 55 items to seven major planks, though the other items are still largely in effect. The steering committee agreed in October to include "transgender" in every plank that mentioned "lesbian, gay and bisexual."

The next major debate, said Palmeri, will probably be the choice of speakers at the rally. "Every constituency group wants a speaker to represent their group." Crone invited input from the transgendered community when the Executive Committee meets Jan. 9 and 10 in Washington, D.C., to discuss speakers at the two march rallies.

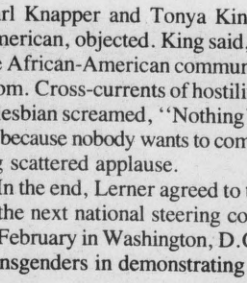
OTHER STUFF

Other items were less contentious. King is organizing a conference for people of color in conjunction with the march. She said, "I hope this march will wake up the blue-eyed white boys who think they can get their rights without Blacks and people of color." Pointing to the overwhelmingly white turnout at the meeting, she said, "I don't feel included. In this room, I felt like the raisin in the raisin bran." The conference is tentatively to be held April 22-23. For information, contact King at 175 Stockton Ave., San Jose, CA 95126.

Rebecca Hensler, chairdyke of the civil disobedience committee, said CD was planned for April 26, the day after the march on the steps of the Capitol. The focus, she said, will be universal health care, "regardless of citizenship, ability to pay, race and gender." Hensler said other options were available. "We just want to create space in which people can focus their anger and their demands on the Congress."

Representatives of a travel agency spoke on travel arrangements. Some agencies have packages available, but attendees are advised to book early. For one thing, the march coincides with "a big realtors' convention" in the capital. One complete package of hotel and airfare was raffled off.

Palmeri said he hopes to see 100,000 people attend from the Bay Area. Taking the optimistic approach, he said, "I'm excited about the possibilities of this march. We have to show up there and make the biggest statement we can make." ✿



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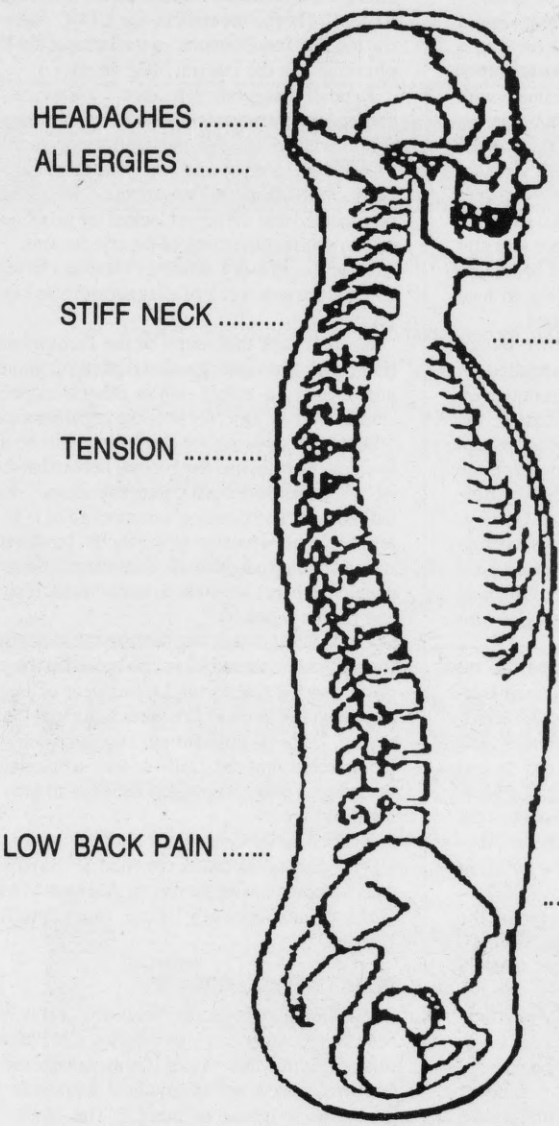

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Vacaville AIDS Care Blasted by Burton Report:

Prison Given 90 Days to Clean Up

Medical workers refuse to treat a critically ill AIDS patient found coughing up blood. Medical charts disappear. A doctor doesn't bother to show up at medical rounds for two weeks. An inmate with AIDS, heard crying for help the night before, is found dead in his cell. Roaches crawl about in the food. Doctors allege that other medical workers engage in cover-ups over a "deficiency" in care. Disabled inmates are housed in cells too small for their wheelchairs. Inmates claim there was shit on the shower floors where prisoners bathe. Inmates are legally disciplined for trying to feed prisoners who employees failed to feed.

What is this? A cheap Vincent Price horror film? No. All the incidents are detailed in assemblymember John Burton's Committee on Public Safety report about conditions at the California Medical Facility (CMF) prison hospital in Vacaville. The report, released Nov. 19, is the result of a six-week investigation at CMF by Burton staffers Jim Provenza and Judith Garvey. They conducted interviews with inmates, correctional officers and physicians, and combined those findings to draw a horrifying picture of medical care at California's "premier" prison HIV-care facility.

"The basic situation we found to be unsatisfactory—to say the least," declared Burton upon releasing the report in Sacramento. "There was shown to be, on the part of the administration of the prison, a lack of sensitivity and understanding of the basic disease itself... Most importantly we found that in some instances the Department of Corrections administration...would be second-guessing and overruling the medical personnel."

Burton gave James Gomez, director of the California Department of Corrections (CDoC), 90 days to rectify the situation—upon Gomez's request for a grace period. Asked if he was being overly generous to the CDoC, Burton hotly retorted, "I am on it. Gomez knows I am on it, and I am not a good guy to have on your ass!"

The incidents detailed in Burton's report cover four categories: circumstances surrounding the deaths of inmates with AIDS; the failure of the compassionate release program; mistreatment of disabled inmates; and deficiencies in the medical care of PWAs. (See *SF Bay Times*, "On the Strike of Their Lives," Oct. 8; see also, "A New Tactic as Another PWA Dies," Nov. 5.)

The Burton report makes 28 separate recommendations to improve prison medical care. The recommendations range from the frighteningly obvious—giving inmates blankets, a pillow and warm clothes for the winter months—to the subtle yet significant, such as making the California Department of Health Services (DHS) responsible for prison health rather than the CDoC. "Equally as important," says Burton, "They must have doctors who are trained in, and experienced in, treating the HIV virus [sic] in AIDS patients, and that type of person should be the head of the facility there."

Tip Kendall—a CDoC public affairs official found lurking outside Burton's press conference to present the prison's case—agrees that hiring HIV-competent physicians is an essential component of improving medical care at CMF. Kendall says that several "excellent candidates" have been interviewed by the CDoC, and he hopes they will be hired by mid-December. "If we can fill those vacancies, that will be the turning point in the kind of medical care that we all want," says Kendall. (In the meantime, the CDoC has contracted Dr. Jan Diamond, a well-respected HIV physician, as the interim HIV director.)

Kendall's responses to direct allegations of medical mismanagement were brief. He asserted that internal investigations are underway, adding, "Overall we are not convinced that all of the conclusions [in the report] are correct." Kendall also commented that the report lacked the proof needed "to substantiate many of the conclusions." He says no disciplinary action or transfers have yet taken place as a result of allegations raised in the report.

Kendall says that many of the recommendations, such as providing warm clothing to inmates, are already in effect, while others are being studied by the CDoC for possible implementation. "Within 90 days we are hoping we will be able to show [Burton] and the general public that there have been some dramatic improvements." Kendall adds, "The director's commitment is to fix the problems, whatever they may be, [and] get on with providing adequate medical care. If there are problems there, we want to know about it so we can fix the problem."

While Kendall was amenable to the majority of Burton's recommendations, he balked at the proposal that the California Department of Health Services (DHS) take over medical care at CMF, saying, "That is not a proper course of action." He asserted that the DHS is only a regulatory agency and doesn't have the facilities to provide medical care.

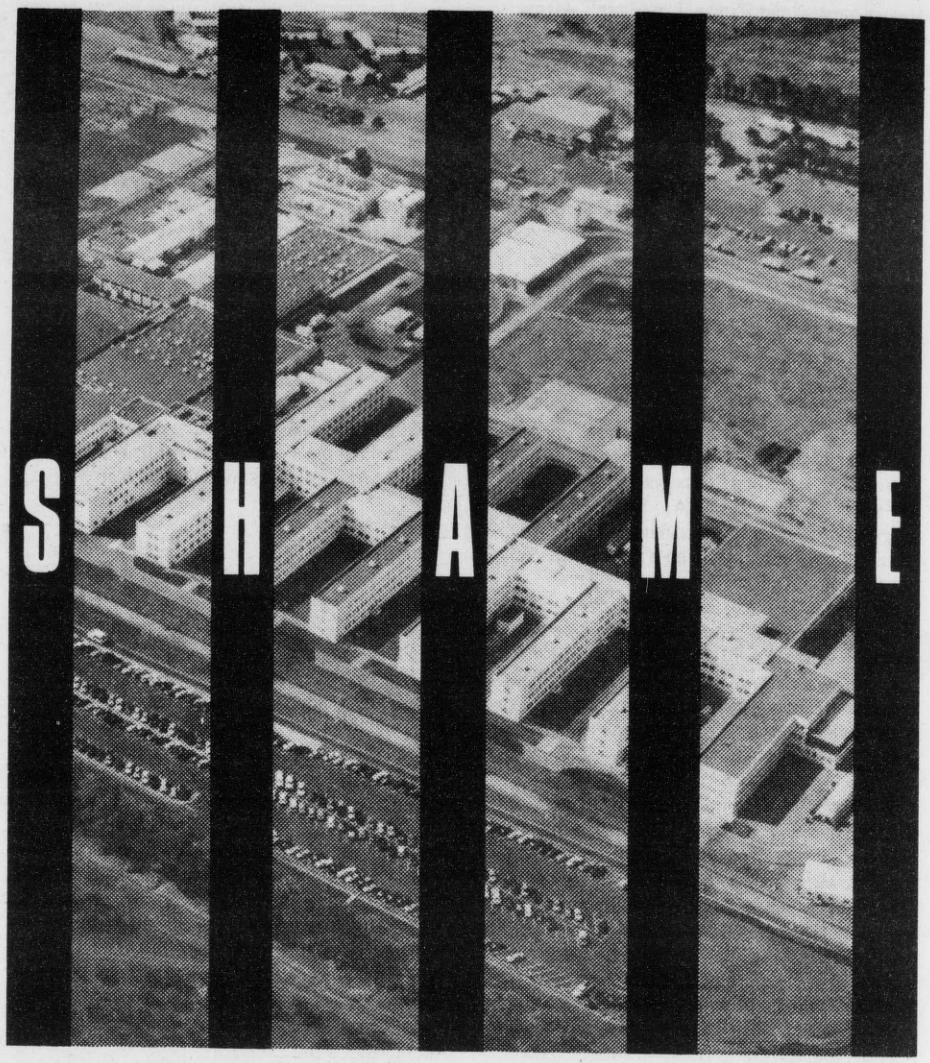
Neither James Gomez nor Nadim Khoury, the CDoC medical director, returned *SF Bay Times* calls for comment on the report. Attempts to reach Gomez independently were intercepted by Kendall.

DEADLY REVELATIONS

"CMF is slipping across the board," says Warren George, an attorney monitoring CMF's compliance with the Gates Consent decree—a court-mandated set of medical standards the prison is obligated to meet. "The quality of medical care to patients with AIDS is a disaster. We have problems providing decent care to inmates who are handicapped... The psychiatric situation continues to be seriously wrong [and the] outpatient psychiatric program just does not exist."

Burton's report backs George's assessment and focuses on the deaths of four prisoners with AIDS between August and October: Richard Johnson, Richard Teague, David Rosario and Ricardo Rodriguez. Inmates interviewed by the investigation team argue that in each case prisoners received inadequate medical care in the prison hospital and/or were refused care by medical employees who did not specialize in HIV. In two cases, correctional officers made verbal or written complaints against medical employees who refused to treat inmates who had AIDS. Neither Pat Mandeville, CMF communications officer, nor Kendall would comment on the investigations regarding the four dead prisoners, due to ongoing CDoC investigations of the prison.

Burton's report also asserts that the compassionate-release program—which allows inmates with estimated life spans of less than six months to be released—"does not seem to be working very efficiently." The report notes instances of requests for compassionate release getting lost, or being held up for weeks by a prison administrator. Despite the allegations, Kendall assured *SF Bay Times* that "at this point we have not found that the program is not working." But, when Mandeville was asked, she acknowledged problems in the compassionate-release program and said steps are being taken to speed up the application process.



In addition, Burton's investigators revealed abuse of inmate Charles O'Neill, a wheelchair-bound paraplegic. He was put in an "administrative segregation" cell (solitary confinement) that could not accommodate his wheelchair. Because of his immobility, O'Neill could not get to the toilet and was left in his own excrement. All this occurred despite the efforts of Burton's team. Mandeville says, however, that O'Neill was moved out of administrative segregation, and into the hospital, prior to the release of the report.

Finally, the report details numerous other failures of medical care, including medications being given at the wrong time, physicians who failed to review medical charts or check the lymph nodes of HIV-positive patients, unless asked, and an overall lack of psychological care for HIV-positive inmates. Mandeville says she has heard some of the allegations, but is not familiar with many of the specific criticisms of medical care. As far as psychological care goes, Mandeville says CMF is in the process of hiring psychiatrists and psychologists for HIV-positive inmates.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REACTIONS

The recommendations proposed by Burton's investigators fall into three main categories: those which can and should be implemented immediately; those that require some additional effort by the CDoC—which are currently being studied; and finally, the proposal to give responsibility for prison health care to the state DHS.

Kendall and Mandeville say several recommendations have already been implemented (e.g., broken windows were fixed and an ombudsman is being hired). Kendall asserts that many of the recommendations concerning medical care, HIV-positive dietary needs, staffing levels and the monitoring of HIV and AIDS patients will be taken care of shortly, when a new 32-bed HIV clinic and a new 10-bed AIDS step-down/hospice unit are opened. Kendall also says that seven additional Medical Technical Assistants (a hybrid of nurse and guard) are being hired. The new MTAs will chaperone prisoners to and from the clinic, and they will monitor the health of prisoners in their cells.

Burton's report also recommends that CMF make the following changes: devise a program to train U.C. Davis medical students to help with AIDS patients; require attendance by CMF medical and psychiatric staff at HIV/AIDS "continuing education seminars"; and expand AIDS/HIV prisoners' access to AA, NA and vocational training. But Kendall stalled, saying these recommendations require "further study," primarily due to the additional financial burden.

Off-the-record, one physician familiar with CMF snidely suggested that the hesitation about a joint U.C. Davis agreement is because the prison is afraid of having "real" doctors see how CMF is actually run.

THE CARROT OR THE STICK?

While ACT UP/SF and Burton's office note the same problems at CMF, they advocate different solutions. Burton places his faith in James Gomez's promise to have the situation resolved by mid-February. ACT UP favors more drastic measures, including further investigations and punitive legal action.

When asked if CMF medical personnel are to be disciplined as a result of the report, or if the Solano County district attorney had been approached about possible indictments, Burton responded, "We are looking to cure a situation. We are not looking for indictments [or] to point fingers."

Burton says he told Gomez much the same thing when they met in early November. Burton adds that he could have held "full-blown committee hearings on this to get a lot of hoopla, but I was not interested in that. I was interested in getting the situation solved."

Judy Greenspan of ACT UP/SF says the 90-day grace period is too generous. She argues that the evidence compiled in the report is sufficient not only to fix problems, but to affix blame. "Burton does not want to radically shake up the prison system. However, we in ACT UP want to."

"This report will not stop the deaths. It is only

the very beginning," declares Greenspan. "It is a good-faith effort if the CDoC implements this program." But Greenspan says a full legal and independent investigation of the deaths of inmates with AIDS is needed. Why? Because "the only way [to stop the deaths] is to make this sort of dispute cost the prison system money."

Although several sources suggested the Solano DA is conducting an investigation into AIDS deaths at CMF, Chris Peterson, the Solano DA who oversees the prison, says there is no investigation pending. Peterson says his office will not take action until all the investigations now in process are complete—and only then will he decide if the evidence warrants further investigation and prosecution.

VINDICATION BY ANY OTHER NAME

The prisoners at CMF are particularly relieved by the release of the report, because it means their complaints have finally been "officially documented" and investigated. Both inmates and ACT UP/SF, which has been instrumental in promoting the inmates' concerns, were worried that the report might not be released at all, or that it would be carefully sanitized. But according to reputable sources, the only editing that occurred were the omissions of the names of correctional and medical workers directly accused of malfeasance.

Dr. German Maisonet, former coordinator of HIV services at CMF, was stunned by the depth of the report, saying, "I didn't think they were going to release stuff that was that embarrassing! It was a very good report." Sam Miller, a Gates Consent Decree attorney monitoring HIV issues, says the investigation parallels his own findings. He added that the report includes comments from prison staff and correctional officers that further support the inmates' complaints.

Peter Yvanovich, a CMF inmate with AIDS, is extremely grateful that the report has been released. But he is doubtful that the promised reforms will come to fruition. Yvanovich says the prison officials entrusted with carrying out the proposed reforms are the same individuals responsible for the situation in the first place: "It is still the fox guarding the chicken coop. We will just see in the next 90 days and hope that not too many people die premature deaths."

On Dec. 5, ACT UP/SF has called a demonstration outside CMF in Vacaville to protest conditions for prisoners with AIDS. Call (415) 921-4347 or (415) 621-0291 for information.

Condoms in Prison? God Forbid!

One very simple method of reducing HIV transmission behind bars was not addressed by the Burton report—condoms. The omission was not accidental. Assembly member John Burton has tangled with the California Department of Corrections (CDoC) on the issue before, and found the state prison system adamantly opposed to the introduction of condoms to prevent HIV transmission in prison.

Although the California prison system flatly refuses to consider the issue, six other jail and prison systems around the country have been distributing condoms to inmates without incident—in some cases for as long as four years. Condoms are given out to prevent HIV transmission in the city jails of San Francisco, Philadelphia, New York and Washington, D.C. They are also available in the Vermont and *Mississippi* state prison systems.

"The department does not agree with that philosophy," says CDoC spokesperson Tip Kendall. He says the issue has come up several times, but CDoC Director James Gomez remains unyielding. "The director will not get in a position of debating this with you or other reporters," says Kendall. "There are no plans for, and the department opposes the idea of, providing condoms to inmates within the prison system. The objection is based on a penal code that outlaws sex between inmates in state prisons."

Kendall further argues that giving condoms to inmates sends mixed messages to prisoners. Because sex in prison is illegal, he says, giving out condoms is advocating breaking the law. "It is kind of like saying bank robbery is illegal, but if you decide to do it, here is a way to do it."

Kendall also theorizes that condoms could be used to transport drugs and other contraband throughout the prison. He even asserts condoms could be used as weapons: "A condom used as a weapon, filled with bodily fluids, is a very effective delivery device. It works almost on the order of a slingshot."

"I don't think those are credible arguments," rebuts San Francisco Sheriff Michael Hennessey, who administers the City's jails. "One can speculate," he says, "but the overwhelming evidence in the half-dozen instances [where condoms are available in prison] indicates the opposite. They have not contributed to...any use as weapons or for transporting contraband. There are plenty of other things to use."

Prison administrators of prison systems that do distribute condoms confirmed that their availability did not lead to abuse by prisoners. "They [condoms] are a non-issue," says Lewis Tanner, the supervisor of AIDS education programs in Philadelphia's jails. "They have not been a problem from a correctional point of view." Hennessey charges that the CDoC knows full well that consensual sexual activity is taking place in prison, and says, "they should be doing everything they can to see that it is safe...[and] prevent the spread of AIDS."

Back in the Dark Ages in California, CDoC official Solange Brooks reluctantly agreed that consensual sex does happen in prison, but said the prison system tries to prevent such activity. She said abstinence is the prison system's primary method of preventing the sexual transmission of HIV, yet denied that the CDoC policy is ostrich-like in its refusal to allow access to condoms. "I can't say it is sticking our head in the sand. We are providing information to people on how you acquire AIDS: This is how you get it. And inmates can be tested on request."

The CDoC will tell you how HIV is contracted, and they will tell you if you are infected, but they will not provide protection to prevent infection. It seems a little ironic that the Mississippi Department of Corrections, which allows condoms, is far more enlightened and pragmatic than the California prison system. ✿

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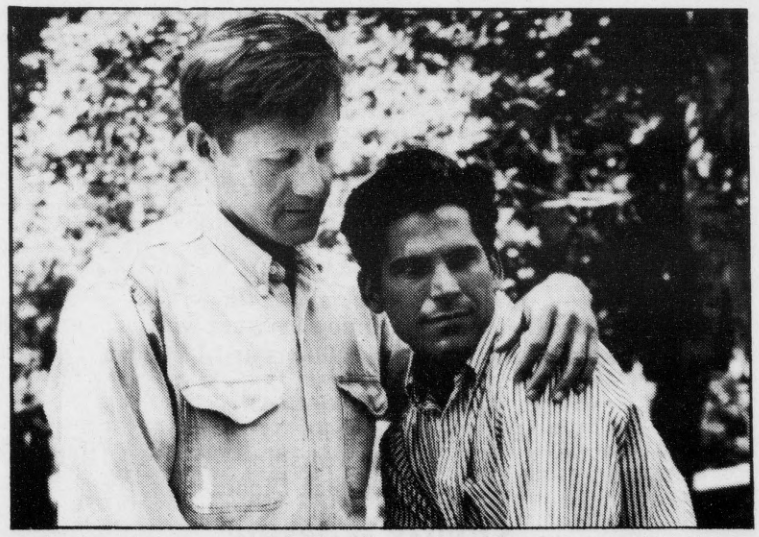

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Buddy, Can You Spare a ...Voucher?

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Even as some 2,500 volunteers were feeding a record 7,000 people on Thanksgiving Day at Glide Memorial Church in the Tenderloin, businesses in the Castro/Upper Market area were launching their voucher program for the homeless and poor in their neighborhood.

Actually, the program kicked off two days before Thanksgiving at the Harvey Milk Plaza Muni stop. A hundred dollars' worth of 25-cent vouchers were distributed to homeward-bound commuters. These vouchers, to be given to the homeless and needy on the streets of the Castro, are currently redeemable at only three locations: Safeway (Church/Market), Harvest Market (Noe/Market) and Walgreen's (18th/Castro).

The vouchers, which can be purchased at participating merchants in the Castro, cannot be used for alcohol or tobacco. This Castro/Market Cares Voucher Program, as it is called, is modeled after a similar one in Berkeley.

Barry Hermanson, who runs an employment service near the Church and Market intersection, says that the program is not intended to be a long-term solution to the problems faced by homeless and needy people. "This is a drop in the bucket, something people can grab onto," he says. "It can increase the giving on the street, change attitudes."

Hermanson says that some people are afraid to walk down certain areas of the Castro because of panhandling and the fear that if they give to people on the street these poor or homeless folks are going to use the money for alcohol.

"We're trying to provide food, and change how people interact with folks on the street," Hermanson says. "We want them to realize they're human beings."

As for the program expanding to include a hot meal or a place for people to shower, Hermanson says that his group, consisting of merchants from Castro/Upper Market as well as members of the Dolores Street Community Center, Eureka Valley Promotional Association and Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association, doesn't have the time or resources. "If you wanted to set up a food kitchen, that's a project that's enormous," he says.

Hermanson doesn't think merchants in the Castro area would have a problem with a soup kitchen for the homeless and needy. "But you're talking about a lot of upfront capital," he says.

"This is not intended to get the homeless out of the Castro," Hermanson says. "We're not saying, 'Go somewhere else.' People are here, we have to deal with them." He says that the voucher program is a "compassionate way of dealing with people on the street."

BERKELEY CARES

Amy Maddock, program coordinator of Berkeley Cares, the program after which the Castro effort is modeled, says that 100 merchants in four commercial districts in that college town are involved in selling and redeeming the 25-cent vouchers.

"Churches buy large blocks of them and give them out," says Maddock, who recognizes that it is not a solution to homelessness or poverty.

The program started in response to "a cry from merchants. Aggressive panhandling was out of hand," Maddock says. As a result of the program, aggressive panhandling has been reduced, giving on the street has increased, and the coalition that created the program has brought together a lot of concerned people "to do something in a positive way."

Berkeley Cares has no "concrete plans at this moment" to expand the program in terms of providing meals or showers.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Alex Vitale, a staffer at the Coalition on the Homeless in San Francisco, says that the voucher program is "basically in the rubric of emergency assistance programs."

"In that regard it's a better response than the mayor's," says Vitale. In November, Mayor Jordan pushed through a ballot initiative to make aggressive panhandling a crime.

"But this kind of program takes the control away from the people on the street," Vitale says. "It's negative in that regard. It totally defines the choices the homeless person is allowed to make. 'We'll help you if you behave, if you spend the money in the places we define'. It limits their options."

As for what the Castro merchants can do to help the homeless and needy, Vitale cites many things, among them pressuring the city to build affordable housing, hiring homeless people, finding affordable housing in the Castro and putting up money to create micro loans so that the needy can start their own businesses. He also suggests an apprenticeship program to train homeless and needy people for jobs.

Vitale believes that affordable housing can be built in a "year or so." The problem often has been "neighborhood resistance," he says.

As for distributing blankets and hot soup, Vitale says, "Those are positive emergency measures that meet the needs that are not being met there."

Vitale is willing to admit that many of the homeless in the Castro are gay, a question Hermanson avoids by saying that it "wasn't started because of the gay community. I'm not gay myself."

Shelters are also not the solution for the homeless, says Vitale. "They get people out of sight," he says. "That's the mayor's solution."

Vitale emphasizes again that the solution is affordable permanent housing. "Shelters are for extremely poor people," he says. "They become long-term housing options. That's completely unacceptable."

"I DON'T MIND"

Asked what she thinks of the voucher program, the white woman sitting outside Valley Pride Market on Castro with her cat says, "I don't mind."

Refusing to give her name, the woman continues, "It doesn't matter to me. I use them to buy stuff I'd buy anyway—shampoo, soap."

Tony, a Black man outside Cliff's Variety, across the street from the woman with the cat, reacts quickly to this reporter's question about the voucher system: "Food stamps work better, much better."

"Somebody gave me two of them, worth 50 cents," Tony says. "I still had to panhandle to get a candy bar."

His friend, Todd, a white man with dreads, agrees. "You won't get hotel rooms when you need one," he says. "My greatest need is a room and shower."

Adds Todd, "Give me a job. I'd be all over a hot meal program. I'd rather have that. Not much you can get with a 25-cent coupon." ✿

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Conference of Openly Gay Politicians Meets in Chapel Hill

by Keith Hartman

(l-r): Barney Frank, David Scondras, Mike Nelson and Sherry Harris. Photo by Keith Hartman

I'm still not sure what was more surprising about the conference: that this many openly gay men and lesbians could win elected office, or that such a diverse lot of people could actually agree on anything at all.

Last month, Chapel Hill, N.C., hosted the eighth annual conference of openly gay and lesbian elected politicians. About 75 elected and appointed officeholders, plus a collection of new candidates hoping to make a successful run, arrived with their lovers to spend three days charting the course of the gay rights movement and the uses of gay power. Their constituencies ranged from West Hollywood, an area so progressive that gay men and lesbians once held a majority of the city council seats, to a conservative district in Maine so small that it can be canvassed on a bicycle. And the politicians themselves were an even more diverse lot—from Jack Campbell, owner of the Club Body Center chain of gay sex clubs and a candidate for Dade County Board of Commissioners, to 22-year-old Brian McConnell, who ran for the Blackburg City Council straight out of college, and came very close to winning.

The officials discussed tactics and swapped stories from their own elections. While many had encountered serious smear campaigns from their opponents, most found that being upfront about their sexuality early on tended to defuse the issue. "You can't shock people with what they already know," said Dale McKormick, who had been a highly visible gay and lesbian rights campaigner in Maine before her election to the state Legislature. Some candidates felt their sexuality could even be an advantage at times. "Hell," said another state legislator, "people figure if you'll tell 'em the truth about something like *that*, then you'll tell them the truth about *anything*."

The two keynote speeches were both hopeful and sobering. Seattle City Councilmember Sherry Harris, the first Black lesbian elected to public office in the United States, gave a thought-provoking speech on the tactics of the religious right. Her home state of Washington has been targeted by the same groups that attempted to pass an anti-gay rights law in Oregon, and that succeeded in doing so in Colorado. Harris analyzed the ways in which the right uses gay "scare" tactics to raise money, and how they have successfully exploited fear of homosexuals as a way to push other, unrelated issues on their agenda. "The campaign to keep gays out of our schools is really a campaign to put religious indoctrination back into our schools." She warned the audience that the gay and lesbian community cannot afford to become complacent after the Clinton victory.

"We've got to be prepared and we have no time to lose. Our biggest challenge in this next decade, my brothers and sisters, will be to develop a proactive strategy to get out in front of the radical right, the religious extremists and the hate groups who seek to... deny us our civil rights and liberties.

"Being a member of another minority group who knows what it's like to experience the wrath a majority population can inflict, believe me folks, we haven't seen anything yet. If we don't stop this movement [the anti-gay rights drive] now, we won't be able to retreat back into the closet and think that if we don't tell anybody then it's all going to be OK. They will find us. And when they do, they will burn down our houses, they'll arrest us and our lovers for illegal relationships, they will make sure that we lose our jobs, they will blacklist our businesses, they will murder our family members. And they are going to do this all in the name of God."

U.S. Representative Barney Frank also stressed this was not a time for the community to become complacent, particularly as we are being presented with an opportunity to finally overturn the military's ban on homosexuals. "We have to remind people that this is not a fight we picked. This is overwhelmingly a case of people minding their own business and being exposed." He saluted President-elect Clinton for speaking out on the issue, but said that it was time for gays to demand that some of their silent allies in Congress finally stand up and be counted. Frank says that Clinton's victory shows that it is possible to take a public stand on gay rights without sacrificing one's career.

"I never urged anyone to commit political suicide... But the level of risk is clearly much lower than they thought it was, than even we thought it was... I think we have a right to point out that the political risk is much less. But we also have a right to point out that this is *personal*."

Following Frank's speech, Allan Spear led the group in a moment of silence for Ramone Blain, the Montreal City Councilmember who died this year of complications from AIDS. Once an active member of the conference, Ramone refused to attend last year's meeting in Houston, and said that he would not attend any conference in the United States until our country lifted its draconian travel restrictions on persons with HIV.

The conference will meet next year in Chicago. ✿

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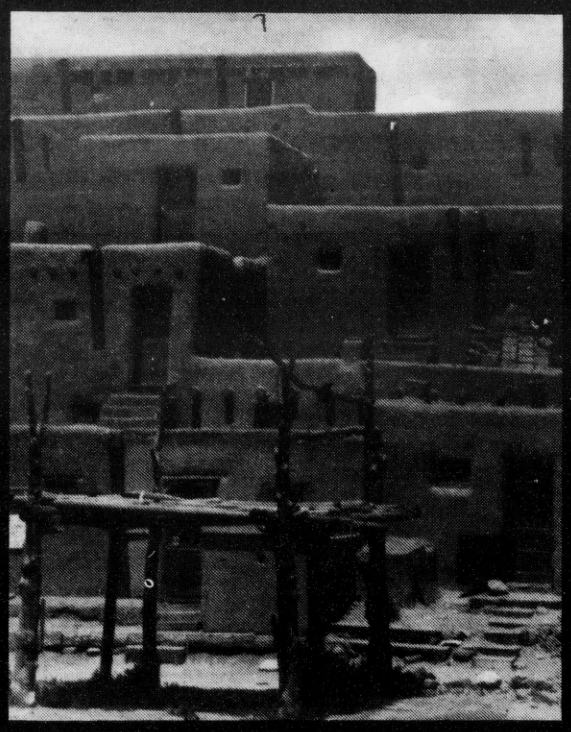

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No Queer Consensus on "Boycott Colorado" Effort

by Tommi Avicolli Mecca

It's a sight many in the queer community won't soon forget: superstar Barbra Streisand, long a favorite of gay men in this country, speaking out against Colorado's recently passed anti-gay Amendment 2 at a Nov. 18 AIDS benefit in Los Angeles.

Said La Streisand, as she is affectionately known, "There are plenty of us who love the mountains and rivers of that truly beautiful state, but we must now say clearly that the moral climate there is no longer acceptable, and if we're asked to, we must refuse to play where they discriminate."

Was Barbra calling for a boycott? A week later, the star "clarified" her remarks at a press conference by stating very bluntly: "I have not called for a boycott. The people living in Colorado...are contemplating many strategies. I will respect whichever they feel is most effective."

A diplomatic response, considering that there is currently no consensus within the queer movement nationwide, or even in Colorado, as to whether a boycott should be called against the first state to pass an anti-gay rights initiative. In fact, the issue of whether to boycott the state, especially the pro-gay city of Aspen (where the amendment was voted down two to one), is dividing gays and lesbians throughout the country.

TRIPS CANCELED

Immediately after the Nov. 3 passage of the anti-gay initiative, tourism and government offices in Colorado reported receiving over 2,000 calls from folks around the country who canceled trips to their state, according to the Associated Press.

The Atlanta City Council banned official travel and spending in Colorado. A similar move is afoot in San Francisco, with city attorneys being directed to draft a resolution banning official travel to that state as well as banning the purchase of its products.

Celebrities are also taking Colorado off their travel lists. Gay author Armistead Maupin, a San Francisco resident who penned the acclaimed *Tales of the City* series, refused to make the trip to Denver to sign copies of his new book, *Maybe the Moon*. Maupin told the *Denver Post*, "I think that by staying away and calling for other artists to stay away from Colorado in protest, I can make a much bigger noise about the Amendment 2 situation than by coming there and reading."

Added Maupin, "I think that if the state of Colorado declared open hatred of women or Blacks or Jews, as this amendment does of gay people, there would be a great cry of outrage. I have not heard that."

Two national gay groups—the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) USA—have already canceled upcoming conventions in the state of Colorado. Other groups nixing conferences in Colorado include the American Foundation for AIDS Research, the American Association of Law Libraries, the National Organization for Women and the National Council for Social Studies. The total cost to the state could be in the $10 million range. Not a small piece of change.

But GLAAD appears to be taking the most strident stand against travel to Colorado. The national media watchdog group, with chapters in many areas, is unequivocally calling for every gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered citizen in this country to shun the state of Colorado.

GLAAD doesn't even budge on the issue of the 16th annual Gay Ski Week, which is held each year in Aspen and draws thousands of gays and lesbians. Representatives of both the GLAAD/L.A. chapter and the Bay Area Chapter stuck to their guns when asked about the Ski Week. "Everybody should stay out of Colorado until Amendment 2 is either repealed or struck down in court," says David M. Smith, executive director of the L.A. chapter.

Bay Area Chapter Director Byron Potts says that GLAAD's boycott is mainly targeted toward

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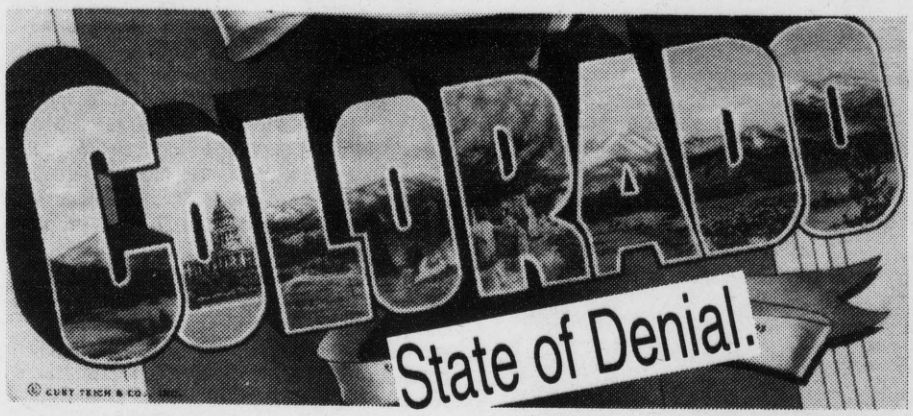

the tourism and convention industries. It is not aimed at the gay community or its businesses, he says. Smith says that his chapter has sent boycott endorsement requests to folks in the entertainment industry. Thus far, those responding have not been the big names. "It's in the early stages," he says. "This isn't going to happen in days."

On the other hand, the Human Rights Campaign Fund has not yet taken an official position, preferring to wait on the results of a Dec. 6 meeting of queer activists in Colorado, according to spokesperson Gregory King.

But perhaps longtime lesbian comic and activist Robyn Tyler sums it up best when she says regarding the question of a boycott, "It's a really hard call for us."

A LITTLE BACKGROUND

Amendment 2, which prohibits gay rights legislation from being passed anywhere in the state, nixes current pro-gay laws in Aspen, Denver and Boulder, three cities known for their live-and-let-live attitude. It will also overturn Gov. Roy Romer's executive order barring anti-gay discrimination in government employment.

The amendment is the work of a right-wing group called Colorado for Family Values, an offshoot of the Anaheim, California, Traditional Values Coalition. The group is based in Colorado Springs.

The amendment passed by a 57-43 percent vote in what was expected to be a victory for the pro-gay side. It takes effect in January. But a suit has already been filed against Amendment 2 on the grounds that it violates the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Tennis star Martina Navratilova, who lives in Aspen, has joined that suit, along with the cities of Denver, Boulder and Aspen.

In fact, the City Council of Aspen recently passed a resolution stating that it would continue enforcing its anti-discrimination law. Aspen has been outspoken in its support of the queer community.

Which leads many queers to say that the gay/lesbian/bisexual community should not be boycotting the January Gay Ski Week.

CREATING SCABS

Tom Mooney, a gay activist in Aspen, is opposed to boycotting that city. He is also strongly against boycotting the Gay Ski Week activities, which include fundraisers for the effort to overturn Amendment 2 and the March on Washington. Last year, Gay Ski Week raised over $20,000 for queer causes; it's expected to net the same this year, he says.

"If people do boycott, they should do their homework," says Mooney. "A boycott is punitive; it's meant to hurt your enemies. You don't wanna hurt your friends."

Mooney says he himself will boycott "certain local businesses" that are anti-gay.

Robin Tyler, who runs a gay community tour company, is also against boycotting Aspen. But she has no problem with conventions pulling out of Colorado. Her stance, she says, is not motivated by money.

Though she will be bringing women into Aspen for the Ski Week festivities, "I'm not going to make money off of it," Tyler says. "The money is going toward the March on Washington."

"From my point of view, the lesbians and gays of Aspen are victims of the amendment," says Tyler. She wants to see queers going to Aspen as a "show of solidarity" with the gays and lesbians in that town. "Even if we boycotted Ski Week, half the people would go anyway," she adds. "Let's use it to organize."

While a boycott against the state of Arizona succeeded in pressuring its legislature to make Martin Luther King Day a holiday, similar economic measures did not pass the Equal Rights Amendment, Tyler says.

The bottom line for Tyler is that the Aspen gay/lesbian community "is not our enemy." She says that if a boycott is called against Aspen and 2,000 show up, "it's going to look like we're crossing our own boycott lines. It's dividing our own community."

And Mooney wonders if pro-boycott queers will call those attending Ski Week "scabs."

CASE FOR BOYCOTT

Defending his group's position that the state of Colorado should be boycotted, Robert Briggs-Daniels of Boycott Colorado says, "During the 1992 campaign, supporters of Amendment 2 cried 'special rights' while paving the way for their own political agenda." But, he adds, Amendment 2 has given "its supporters the 'special right' to impose their views on society."

Boycott supporters say that a Denver radio station poll shows that Colorado citizens oppose the repeal of Amendment 2 by a ratio of two-to-one. They say this is an indication of the frightening climate in a state that has seen an increase in hate crimes against queers since the anti-gay law passed.

The group is calling on queers from outside of Colorado to stay away from Ski Week. As for gays within the state, "We're encouraging them to go to Aspen's Gay Ski Week."

Boycott Colorado has also written the U.S. Olympic Committee to ask that it relocate its Colorado Springs headquarters, saying that the "injustice written into Amendment 2 is in direct conflict with the spirit of freedom represented by the Olympics."

Says Briggs-Daniels, "Amendment 2 and its supporters have made victims of us all." ✿

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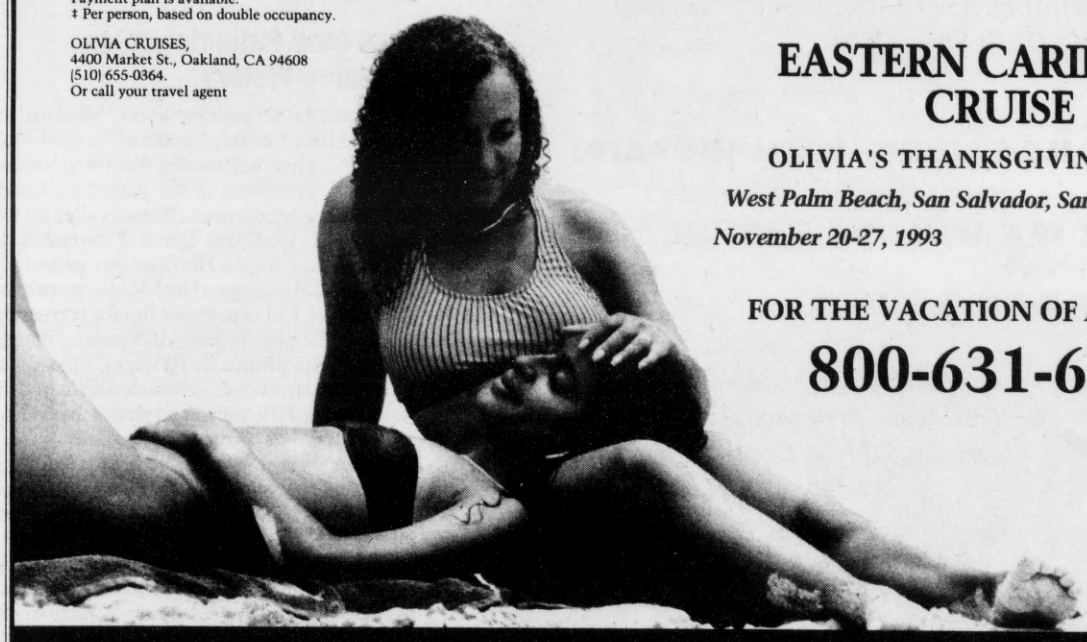

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Nicaraguan Sodomy Law Challenged

MANAGUA - Thirty-one human rights activists have filed a petition urging the Nicaraguan Supreme Court to declare unconstitutional the country's new penal code, which includes Latin America's most repressive anti-sodomy law.

The code mandates prison sentences of one to three years for anyone who "induces, promotes, propagandizes or practices in a scandalous manner, the cohabitation of individuals of the same sex." A further crime of "illegitimate seduction" carries an additional prison term of two to four years.

"We must not allow the Nicaraguan government to trample the rights of its gay and lesbian citizens and to derail efforts to stop the spread of HIV in the country," says Enrique Asis of Latino Network.

Rights Group Nabs Sporting Club

PHILADELPHIA - The Human Relations Commission has secured the agreement of the swank Sporting Club At The Bellevue to not discriminate against gay and lesbian couples in its membership policy. The club was offering couples memberships to heterosexuals, whether or not they were married. The same was not provided for queers. Philadelphia has a gay rights measure protecting gays/lesbians from discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations.

The commission pursued a complaint against the club after out gay Director Kevin Vaughan learned of the policy. Both Vaughan and the city's new mayor, Ed Rendell, are members of the club. Instead of extending couples memberships to queers, the club has now eliminated all such benefits.

Queers Fly the Friendly Skies

SAN FRANCISCO - Queer employees of United Airlines are in the process of forming an independent coalition to lobby for domestic partner benefits and to encourage company participation in gay/lesbian/bisexual events.

The group, Gay/Lesbian United Employees Coalition (GLUE) plans to publish a bi-monthly newsletter as well as attend local and national marches and events. GLUE's first meeting will be held in conjunction with the April 25 March on Washington. For info, write or call: 2261 Market St. #293, SF 94114, (800) 999-3448.

Mug-a-Thon to Stop Violence

SAN CARLOS - Bay Area Model Mugging (BAMM) will sponsor a Mug-a-Thon on Dec. 6 to help stop the cycle of violence against women. Program graduates will take pledges and then be "mugged" to earn the donations.

BAMM is a highly specialized self-defense program that teaches participants to knock out an assailant of any size. Says Sheryl Hall Doran, director of the San Carlos chapter, "I don't think that mugging should be a safe occupation." The event takes place at the Oracle Corporation Fitness Center, 250 Oracle Pkwy, in Redwood Shores. For more info, call (415) 592-7300.

Children of Dykes Healthier

SAN FRANCISCO - A study of 37 lesbians in the Bay Area by a University of Virginia psychologist confirms what queers have said all along: the lesbians' children are healthier.

According to the research of Assistant Professor Charlotte Patterson, herself a lesbian, the children, who were all born or adopted to out lesbians, are more apt to discuss their feelings—including well-being and stress. It is hoped that the study will help queer parents win custody and adoption battles.

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Rainbeau is a pioneer of the lesbian erotic dance scene both in the Bay Area and nationally. In 1991, at an event organized in conjunction with the Ms. International Leather contest, she was named Lesbian Stripper of the Year. Rainbeau is perhaps best known for her early-morning routine involving only a can of shaving cream and a razor blade.

When not out at a benefit, Rainbeau can usually be found indulging her other pet pastimes, like reading, munching pasta, and, of course, dancing to her own sensual muse. If you are interested in more of Rainbeau's dance-work she is planning a workshop series titled "Sacred Erotic Dance." For further information call (510) 653-4835. ✿

Qual-Med Patients' Union Declares Victory

BERKELEY - "Organizing works!" declared an ebullient John Iverson, founder of the Qual-Med Patients' Union, announcing that the union has called off its boycott of the multi-state health maintenance organization. Iverson called off the boycott after Qual-Med agreed to the organization's demand that the HMO set up a patient advisory council to oversee Qual-Med's operations.

Qual-Med had been under fire for attempting to force HIV-positive and AIDS patients into its Centers of Excellence for HIV care, a move that activists charged was meant to cut costs by warehousing HIV patients in clinics that would provide less than community standards of care. Qual-Med will now make patients' use of the centers entirely voluntary. The company has also agreed to pay for off-label uses of drugs for AIDS treatments.

Iverson believes that a combination of non-stop pressure and full-page ads in local newpapers contributed to Qual-Med's decision to agree to the union's demands.

Freedom Day Takes A New Route

SAN FRANCISCO - Queers will gather at the Civic Center this year and march to the Ferry (not fairy) Building this June for the annual Freedom Day Parade. The change of route was approved at a recent parade committee meeting.

The concept, according to co-chairs Ggreg Taylor and Marsha Levine, is to utilize the huge open waterfront area which became available with the demolition of the Embarcadero Freeway.

At issue at the next committee meeting is a date change for next year's parade. Under consideration is the third weekend in June, to allow people from Northern California to attend festivities in Los Angeles on the last weekend. The committee will also decide by the end of the year on a date change for the 1994 parade, since Gay Games IV and the 25th anniversary of Stonewall will both occur during the last weekend of June that year. A town meeting will be held on Dec. 10 for community input. Call (415) 864-FREE for more details.

Queer From Sea to Shining Sea

DENVER - A new coast-to-coast commercial gay radio program has premiered over KGAY, thanks to $1 million in donations. The station can be heard throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean via satellite dish. It is expected to reach an audience of 7.5 million.

According to Station Manager Clay Henderson, gay music will be featured as well as issue-oriented news. With his staff of 12, along with eight correspondents, Henderson plans to cover both sides of the stories. He says he's instructed his reporters to be "journalists first, gay journalists second."

While the station does not publish its address because of the hostile climate in a state that recently passed the anti-gay Amendment 2, Henderson is not letting homophobia stop him. "Life is too short to live under the veil of threats," he says. "If people want to threaten me, they'll have to get in line."

Outed Senator-Elect Says It's No Secret

PROVIDENCE - State Senator-elect Will Fitzpatrick says it's no secret that he's queer. The 31-year-old first-timer has had "gay" scribbled across his campaign posters and was outed by his opponent in the recent Democratic primary. The Rhode Island State Right to Life Committee described him as a member of the gay community.

But Fitzpatrick's open now about his sexual orientation—and his lover, David Alexander. "I felt I couldn't be effective at the Statehouse with all these rumors and innuendos circulating about my private life," he told the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*. He hopes he can concentrate on other issues once he takes his seat in the Legislature.

A memorial was held for Audre Lorde at Modern Times bookstore on Nov. 28: (l-r) Alberta Jackson, Mary Watkins, Vicki Randle, Linda Tillery, Gwen Avery.

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"As the Queers Turn" Update

NEW YORK - The AIDS story line on the popular daytime soap "As The World Turns" is heating up.

When we last left off, police officer Margo Hughes (played by Ellen Dolan) was waiting for the results of her HIV antibody test. Margo was raped while trying to prevent a holdup. Her assailant knew that he was HIV-positive when he raped her. Margo turns up negative (police arrived before the rapist came in her), but her hubby Tom Hughes, the town D.A., wants to prosecute

the rapist for attempted murder.

Margo, who agrees to go public with what's happened to her, makes it clear that she does not want to promote the idea that HIV-positive individuals intentionally set out to infect others. Head writer Douglas Marland told *SF Bay Times* that he wants to use the AIDS story line to educate viewers about the disease. Two gay characters will eventually be part of the six-month story line.

BITS & PIECES

• Congressmember Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) is urging Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney to immediately suspend enforcement of the current ban on lesbian and gay service personnel in pending discharge or disciplinary proceedings. He also asked the Pentagon to refrain from any new investigations or proceedings. Twenty-three other congressmembers signed Studds' letter, including Nancy Pelosi, Ronald Dellums, Barney Frank, Pat Schroeder, Peter Kostmayer and Henry Waxman.

• The city of Cincinnati joins the growing list of municipalities across the country that have enacted gay rights legislation. The measure, which covers housing, employment and public accommodations, was passed by the City Council on Nov. 25.

• The Presbytery of the Genesee Valley in New York defeated a motion at its Nov. 24 meeting to defy a national Presbyterian Church order concerning out lesbian minister Jane Spahr. The body will not permit the Downtown United Presbyterian Church to employ Spahr.

• Iowa State University in Ames now has a graduate student who will act on behalf of queers on campus. Out queer Tom Ownings, 25, will be paid to coordinate programs for gays/lesbians/bisexuals and act as a contact for students needing emotional help.

• The Senior Gold Card Merchants' Directory is now available at the Commission on Aging's Senior Information and Referral Program, 25 Van Ness Ave., room 750. The directory lists over 300 San Francisco businesses that provide a discount on merchandise and services to seniors 60 years or older. For info, call (415) 626-1033.

• The new edition of the International Directory of Bisexual Groups is available for $5 from the East Coast Bisexual Network, Inc. Write or call: PO Box 639, Cambridge, MA 02140, (617) 247-6683.

• The influence of one of Northern California's most effective human rights and political groups has reached Monterey County. The Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee (BAYMEC), which represents Santa Clara, San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties, now extends to Monterey County. For info, call (408) 297-1024.

• Bring donated goods to Caffe Esprit, 499 Illinois, between 16th & 18th at Third, on Dec. 14 for Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg's holiday open house to benefit Glide Memorial Church's Families with Children in Crisis program. RSVP (415) 469-8764.

• The San Francisco Association of Realtors presented Shanti Project with $13,000 at the Nov. 30 opening of the new Shanti House, the largest AIDS facility in the nation, located at 1594 Market St.

• The National Organization for Women's Evanston/North Shore chapter named former Republican candidate Pat Buchanan "Turkey of the Year." Buchanan was cited for his "opposition to justice for women and homosexuals and his representation of the far right, especially his speech at the Republican convention...vilifying Hillary Clinton." Evanston/North Shore is outside Chicago.

• The World Institute on Disabilities in Oakland seeks artwork done by artists with disabilities or artwork on the theme of disabilities. Deadline is Dec. 31. Submit slides with a stamped self-addressed envelope. For info, call Grace Lin at (510) 528-9487.

• The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association/Bay Area Chapter is looking for a logo for the Bay Area Regional Rodeo 93 at the Cow Palace, May 21-23, 1993. For complete details,

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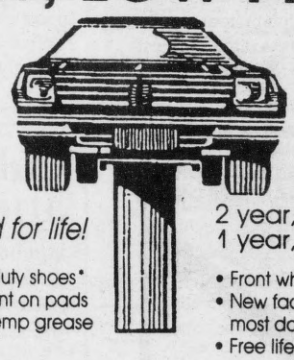

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Decision Nears on BofA Building

by Tommi Avicolli Mecca

Surely, the Bank of America folks can't be happy cats these days.

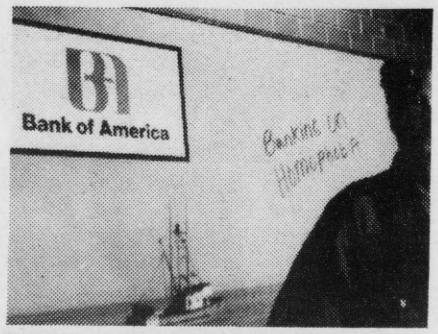
Not only has the Board of Supervisors' Finance Committee just voted in favor of Roberta Achtenberg's resolution divesting $6 million in city funds from BofA (it goes before the full board on Dec. 14), but it also seems that the queer community finally has a viable proposal for the use of its recently vacated 400 Castro St. building.

BofA has given the Advisory Committee for Community Usage of 400 Castro "the exclusive right to extend an offer" on the building, which committee members interpret as "first right of refusal," although a BofA spokesperson would not confirm that they were one and the same thing.

The building in question lies at the corner of Castro and Market, described by many activists as "the gateway to the Castro." These activists feel that it would be a tragedy if the building became another commercial enterprise in a world-renowned neighborhood that has rents too high for queer nonprofits and political organizations.

The original vision of the committee was to find a nonprofit with a track record of meeting the needs of all parts of the community, including women and people of color, that could be the umbrella for a number of other groups. In other words, that the building could be a community center of sorts.

The committee has until Dec. 17 to present a viable proposal to BofA, which does not own the property, but rents it from Bob Lurie of the Giants. Viable means the sublessee can pay



BofA's move to re-fund the Boy Scouts has angered the gay community; gay usage of the old BofA building may improve relations.

Photo by Rink

$4,900/month or more in rent, plus upkeep on the building.

At present, the committee has two options. John Woods, co-chair of the committee, says that proposals from the Life Center and Golden Gate Performing Arts (GGPA) were evaluated favorably at a meeting on Nov. 30. Life Center is a clearinghouse for HIV information and resources; GGPA promotes the queer arts, including the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus.

Woods says that the committee received "some very positive indications from both groups. There's a strong indication that they're going to be working together."

The possibility exists that the Life Center could occupy the space for two to three years, and then the GGPA could finish out the eight-year lease. Woods says that this is a "viable" option.

The second option is to find queer-community members willing to shell out six months' worth of rent ($30,000 or more) to buy enough time for a community center to be set up in the space. Woods says this is still a possibility the committee will consider.

The committee will make a decision by Dec. 6 on which plan to send to BofA. Then the "dress up" process begins. According to Woods, "We'll basically make sure the proposal addresses our concerns about representation of lesbians and people of color."

This is something about which the committee is serious. "We'll make sure the Life Center approaches organizations that are representative of the diversity of the community," says Woods. The same goes for GGPA. The commitment to diversity will be "put on paper," he says. ✿

what's going down by louise rafkin

The New Deal Or What's the Deal?

by Louise Rafkin

I don't know about you, but I'm feeling a little anxious. It's that feeling you get at the beginning of a new school year—like maybe the fourth grade—when you can't figure out who is going to be your friend. It seems as though this year you might actually be—popular! But wait, not so fast....

But we're not in grade school anymore. Here we are. What does it mean to have a president who has actually participated in a protest march? A president who has actually had a political thought similar to mine? (Not that he thinks war is wrong, just that *that* particular war was a bit, er, well....)

But still, I should be reeling. And I am, in between bouts of vertigo.

There are still mixed messages everywhere. We've got Colorado, but we've got Sandra on "Roseanne." We've got Oregon, but we've got a positive mini-series on the "gayby" boom. Everywhere I look there are queers in the media: *Time* does a feature on the Royals and makes suggestions about "Prince" Edward; in the same issue, Martina's views on politics and sexuality are splayed across the sports page. Almost every damn night of the week there's someone saying something about us, from mentions and characters on "LA Law" or "I'll Fly Away," to the nightly news reports on street patrols, gays in the military or lesbian nuns. And then we have the fag hag herself: Madonna... more on her later.

What do *you* make of this melange of media messages? I started writing this column in 1984. To gather material I spent my lunch hours in the library scanning magazines for even the slightest oblique reference to queer culture: anti or pro. At the end of the month I'd barely have enough to scrape together 20 column inches, but I was a media vulture, ever on the lookout for a scrap of carrion. Sometimes I stooped pretty low: I read everything from *Soldier of Fortune* to *Women's Day* to *Cosmo* (okay, well, I still read *Cosmo*). I watched all sorts of TV, was connected to gals who alerted me to any upcoming homo-material in any of the sitcoms.

But now it's all so ho-hum I flip the channels right through all kinds of reports on queerness. What does it mean that we are so visible?

I wonder if it's at all parallel to the experience of African Americans in the '60s, when suddenly because of the civil rights movement and a convergence of cultural factors, Black people were vaulted into the media, both print and broadcast. In retrospect, we know that attention did not radically change attitudes. Sure, now we have a slew of Black and integrated TV sitcoms, but racism and prejudice were certainly not alleviated with that first influx of media attention.

I'm pleased that we're appearing all over; on some level it makes me feel validated. Though I'm careful to mitigate my feelings with reality checks, like the fact that it's mostly white, middle-class queers who are making us visible—and that my brother still hates us.

In reaction to this mainstreaming of queers, I recently cut off all my hair. My friend Michael said to me that it was the first time in years he had seen me "look like a real dyke." I'm afraid of homogenization. I like being on the fringe; I fear assimilation. Because even though Bill C. talks the talk, he's not one of us. Even though we've got a working woman in the White House, she's still there as the wife. And six women in the Senate shouldn't be anything to cheer about—though sadly it is.

So you can see, I'm a little screwed up. I'm glad we "won" but I still want us to remember whose game it is.

And a note about Madonna: It may be that I just can't let myself drool over the same gal as Camille Paglia, but I've jumped off the ship of fools into the desert of deserters. Gads, if we have to claim her as our own, we're in trouble. A lesbian because she's got her nipple in some girl's mouth? In some ways she reminds me of those vampires I keep reading about in Anne Rice novels: white, perfectly preserved and desperate for life. ✿

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write **stuff** by dave ford

The Military's Complex

I was numb for days after Bill Clinton's win last month: I had no context in which to comprehend victory. The numbness eventually gave way to a guarded elation—and exhaustion. It's been a long fight, but the dam's broken: queer gains appear to be skyrocketing. Look at the literal and symbolic evidence. Oregonians voted down an anti-gay ballot measure. San Diego police have severed ties with the homophobic Boy Scouts of America; the CHP's mulling a similar move. On *Roseanne*, Sandra Bernhard's newly out dyke character flaunted her lover—played by Morgan Fairchild (!). And on *Melrose Place*, the long-dormant gay character Matt got gay-bashed, fired from his runaway shelter job and consequently radicalized.

Although it's tempting to relax, we need to keep an eye cocked. After all, Colorado voters passed Amendment 2, repealing some cities' gay rights ordinances and denying gays housing and job protection. Resourceful queers are boycotting the state; you can help by phoning the Colorado Tourist Board at 1-800-COLORADO or 1-800-265-6723, ex. 595. When the operator asks if you want a "vacation kit," tell her/him exactly why you *don't* want to vacation there (they're required to log calls).

Despite recent setbacks—which include anti-gay measures in Florida and Alabama—recognition of the queer plight is blossoming all over: In their "100 Worst People and Events of 1992," *Spy* ranked "Unabashed Gay Bashing" at No. 13.

If olive's your color, then go on.

WORK THE BOOTS, GENERAL MISS THING!

To gauge both how far things have come and how far they have to go, eyeball the gays-in-the-military brouhaha. Clinton didn't expect the firestorm sparked by his post-election pledge to end the military's queer ban. Indeed, after a little chat with Joint Chiefs of Staff Chair Colin Powell, Clinton backpedaled big-time, saying he wants to hear from "a lot of people," and that "conduct" is the issue. (But Clinton's a classic people-pleaser: last week he met with AIDS murderer Ronald Reagan.)

Conduct's not the only issue; so, according to subsequent press analyses, is the fear of seduction—purportedly of innocent straight boys by queers. It's an old stereotype. As *Time*'s Sally B. Donnelly wrote Nov. 30, "Many heterosexuals have some homosexual experience, frequently at the young-adult age of military recruits, and the aftermath is often guilt or fear. Some people who are most uncomfortable around open homosexuals worry that such impulses are part of their own nature." Exactly: the queer-phobic braying of graying military brass sounds like projected memories of their own rank-and-file days. The trick is to eradicate the "guilt or fear" of same-sex encounters.

When it comes to "harassment"—the flip side of seduction—the military itself is unparalleled. Larry Bush noted in a Nov. 24 *SF Ex* op-ed piece that some gays "who have undergone military investigation tell of being handcuffed, of sitting in chairs while bright lights are shone in their eyes, while investigators scream at them, demanding confessions and other names." While that sounds like a cheerful scene from Madonna's *Sex*, it's actually violently abusive.

Military personnel also worry about an "AIDS outbreak" if they let in queers. Stereotypes, anyone? Hello? You telling me those horny straight boys ain't balling prostitutes—unsafely? A little safe-sex education goes a long way.

The military also fears that in intimate battle confines, straight boys won't be able to trust gays' mettle. "The mind-set might be illogical or wrong-headed," David H. Hackworth writes in the Nov. 23 *Newsweek*, "[but] ...to survive in a killing field, a warrior has to believe... that he can buck 1,000-to-1 odds and live. To think that way, he has to be macho. Fairly or unfairly, gays threaten that macho." The most cogent response to that tripe appeared in the Nov. 23 *Chron*: a political cartoon in which a general says, "The fact is, homosexuality demoralizes the troops and affects their ability to fight! Tell 'em, guys!" He's backed by seven of history's queer warriors, including Alexander the Great, Hadrian, Montezuma and Richard I, who tells him, "You're cute when you're raving."

Two issues are getting lost in the fray. First, that the military is a bastion of dangerous homophobia. The Nov. 22 *Ex* reported that when D.C. gay bar owners approached then-Marine Commandant Alfred Gray to suggest a gay sensitivity training for recruits in response to Marine gay-bashings, Gray "rejected the offer, saying the session might lead to seduction—not enlightenment." *That's* the military mind-set. So to accept *any* military "argument" about gays in combat is folly.

But so, in a way, is queers' desire to fight—potentially, to die—for a country that doesn't offer basic civil rights. While the gays-in-the-military uproar addresses discrimination and equality in a pointedly homophobic institution, it obscures Clinton's duty to help pass civil rights legislation to ensure that *all* queers are treated equally under American law.

PIGS AT BAR

Will lawyers help implement that legislation? Not if they're among those who responded to the September "Gays At Law" *California Lawyer* cover story. In the next issue, passed on to me by my pal, bigotry-sniffing pit-bull Neil Broome, letters ran 7-to-4 against gays. Wrote Kemp A. Richardson: "What's it to be next, a cover story on child molester attorneys?" Wrote Volney F. Morin: "Never once have I known a homosexual who was gay; uniformly such people are sad." Wrote Dennis Pearce Kelly: "...Your article fosters the misconception of homosexuality as a state of being (black, Hispanic, female) rather than as a behavior (nail biting, alcoholism, pedophilia)." Wrote Donald Ingoglia: "Showing two smiling gays on the cover of the September edition illustrates how sick our society has become."

Wrote Martin S. Rosenberg: "Homosexuality is not a civil rights issue, just as bestiality is not. A decaying society does not recognize shameful and embarrassing conduct and next year your enlightened publication may have an attorney and his animal of choice on the cover tolerantly proclaiming 'Bestiality at Law.' " Mr. Rosenberg's office is located at 223 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks, CA; the phone number is (805) 496-8266. The phone number for *California Lawyer*, which deserves praise for its article, is (415) 252-0500; they're at 1350 Market St., Suite 1210.

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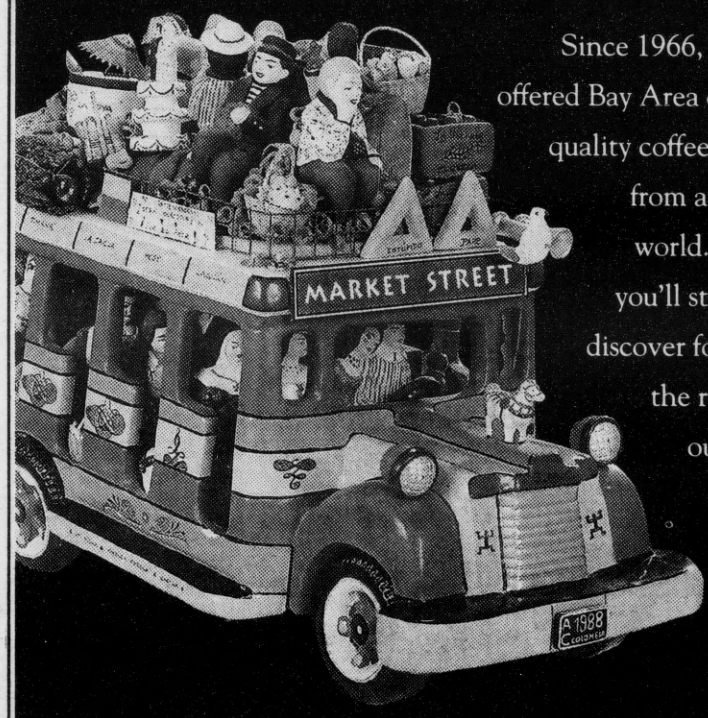

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Of Sheep and Wolves

This was my first treat of the holidays. I went to several Thanksgiving dinners and to see the movie *Malcolm X*. It proved to be an interesting combination. I was thinking about the First Amendment as I left the screening. Freedom of speech. Roadblocks and obstacles can be put in the way of what is being said if it is not liked by those accustomed to having their way, those who are afraid of difference, those who are so certain of their truth that they wish to impose it on everybody else. Our society raises its children to be afraid of difference, to not respect difference, to not be concerned about the rights of others.

Part of our violence is based on misunderstanding and ignorance. My generation grew up believing Africans and Native Americans were "uncivilized heathens." Both Africans and Native Americans paid a tremendous price in loss of life for the "settlement of America." Africans were in America long before the first Thanksgiving party with the Indians. More African lives were lost in the crossing from Africa than were lost by Jews in the Holocaust.

At the time they encountered the white man, both Africans and Native Americans were non-materialistic peoples. Malcolm X used to point out that Africans enjoyed great civilizations long before civilization had come to Europe. And part

of who Native Americans are is connected to the earth, the water, the air. Disfiguring the land, stripping and defacing the land, was against most Native American spiritual teachings.

Arguments tend not to be on an equal plane when power between two adversaries is not balanced. The Bill of Rights was written to help define the rights of a homogeneous bunch of white men—not a multicultural society. There are so many types of power. Some subtle, some brutal. A gesture. A word either spoken or on paper can have tremendous impact. Merit and reason may sway the intellect and impress the sheep. But there is a desperate and immediate impact that the violence of the wolves has on us. Even though the police and militia have more sophisticated armament, some fire, some rocks and some rowdies can devastate an urban center like Los Angeles, just like the old slave uprisings overwhelmed the oppressors of that era. The gay basher, the mugger, the assassin, the rapist can silence a lifetime of speeches, values, rights—and even life itself—in an instant.

Ours is a violent culture. If misconceptions about our violent and less than egalitarian past still exist today, it is because misconceptions have been encouraged to soothe the consciousness of whites who do not wish to acknowledge the insensitivity in their heritage.

Our real history—not the fairy tales we learned in school—is painful for both whites and non-whites. French archeologist and scientist Cheikh Anta Diop, in *The African Origin of Civilization*, writes about Africans mastering the arts and sciences while Europeans were more advanced in guns, warfare and navigation at a time when "Africa was a ready-made reservoir from which to draw [a] labor force with minimum expense and risk." European traders rationalized that slavery was a "holy cause" because they were introducing heathens to Christianity.

The Europeans brought their materialistic church, their weaponry, their Black slaves, their concept of eminent domain with them to America. When the Europeans arrived (in 1492), there were approximately 1.5 million Native Americans. By 1880, there were about 250,000. The Europeans brought diseases with them against which the Indians had no natural immunity: smallpox, malaria, typhus, cholera and tuberculosis. As with the Africans, the open, trusting nature of Native Americans worked to their disadvantage. Through Christianity, the Europeans introduced the concepts of being "heathen," inferior and superior.

In 1620, a prominent chief named Squanto saved the Massachusetts colony from certain starvation by teaching the settlers how to survive, what to plant, what to eat. In 1621, the Wampanoag, one of several tribes in the Massachusetts area, signed a peace treaty with the pilgrims to celebrate the good harvest and peace between them. In 1622, the first Jamestown "massacre" occurred, in which 347 settlers were slain. In 1637, Connecticut settlers attacked a Pequot Indian village and killed by gunshot and fire over 600 Indians. Governor Cotton Mather later wrote: "It was a fearful sight to see them frying in the fire… but the victory seemed a sweet sacrifice and [the colonists] gave praise thereof to God."

It's interesting to note what sort of God the European God is. When the colonists won, it was a "war" with God on their side. When the Indians won, it was a "massacre." Certainly no ethnic group has exclusive domain over violence—or God (a point often made in public by Malcolm about the many blond-haired, blue-eyed renditions of Jesus which, in reality, could not have been).

The world is a much smaller place now, and we all learn by example. But the wolves still have free rein to lie down among the sheep. The threat of change brought the wolves to the doors of the Kennedys, the Kings and the X's. In Malcolm's case, it was the Muslims who assassinated him. However, the fine hand of the FBI's Hoover—a gay man—and the CIA illegally invaded their privacy and conspired to discredit them all. And who knows what other truths have yet to be revealed?

Many progressive movements end in sudden violence—or worse. We expend tremendous energy to win human rights, to develop leadership, to walk among other people with our heads held high. But the same wolves decry our right to live, to work and pursue happiness. Part of the problem is there too often are white men with too much power at the top. A demonstration of their power was evident during the Anita Hill inquisition. We need to cast aside the guileful efforts to divide us. It's allright to be who we are. We need to break the glass ceiling, redecorate the board rooms and executive offices with a little color and both genders at the top.

Such men as Malcolm are rare. He was a formidable warrior who could not be bought at any price. At first he denounced integration. He advocated freedom for his flock through abstinence from vice, hard work and self-sufficiency. His constituency was the Black lower class, from whence he came, and some of the Black literati. Malcolm was a cathartic experience for the Black masses at a time when some relief from oppression was so desperately needed. We all smiled somewhat as he beat his adversaries at their own game. He was disgusted with the Black middle class, and they were afraid of him. However, he earned our respect as a man. We all admired his acid tongue and his unfailing ability to give Mr. Charlie the blues. He spent time lecturing, clarifying his message, shocking many young students like me.

And we still need to be shocked. We need to stop sacrificing our brightest and our visionaries to the wolves. We need to outlaw groups and elements in our society which conspire to physically harm others; i.e., the Klan, neo-Nazis, skinheads, and gangs who initiate members by requiring them to beat or kill someone. We need to return the concern of our law enforcement offices both locally and nationally to the victims, the sheep. If not respect, we must deter the wolves with fear of exposure, of ruin, of immobilization.

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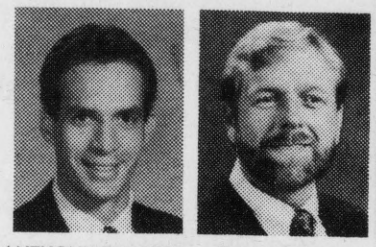

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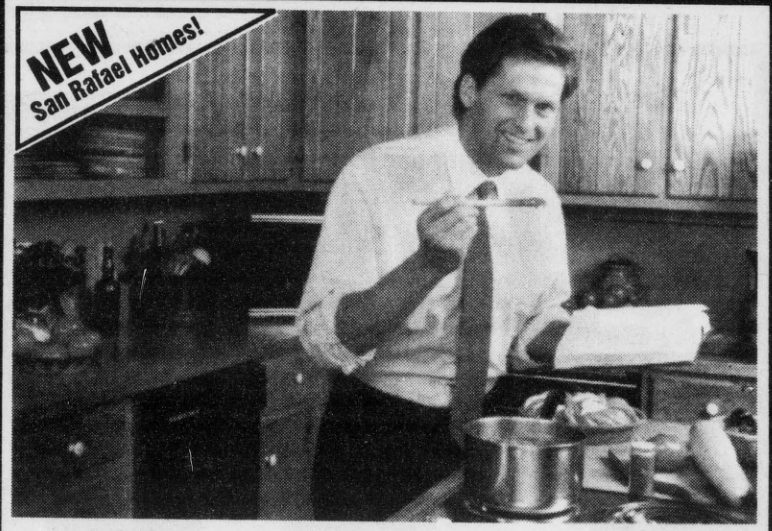

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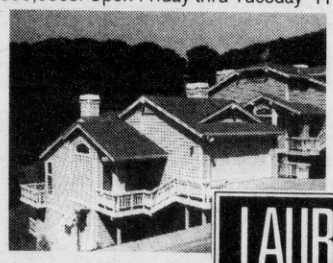

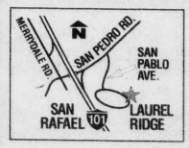

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Call to Activists: Focus Needed On Early Human Research

The main obstacle today to better AIDS treatments is early on in the drug-development pipeline. Once a potential drug shows biological activity in humans, it would likely get enough attention to be developed appropriately. But without such data, a drug is usually ignored, because: (1) the scientists who developed it cannot finance clinical research; (2) pharmaceutical companies consider many factors other than medical or scientific ones in deciding whether to develop an AIDS drug; (3) the public has little consistent interest in a chemical which has never been tested in humans; and (4) the Reagan-Bush administrations did not take responsibility for managing the research effort. The resulting Catch-22—no interest since there is no data, no data since there is no interest—has blocked development of almost all potential AIDS drugs and is still blocking them today.

With the new administration, this critical problem could be fixed, allowing new treatments to come into use quickly if appropriate. As soon as there is evidence that a drug works very well, it is likely to move exceedingly rapidly into wider use. But if the same drug is never tested in people, or is only tested for toxicity in HIV-negative volunteers, the necessary evidence will not exist, and the drug will probably be delayed indefinitely.

The big danger now is inertia, because no force is yet available to make the changes needed. Pharmaceutical companies are interested in short-term gain from drugs already on the market or soon to be there. Most influential AIDS researchers, even when supported largely by federal grants, also have business ties with these companies—a situation which has long prevented potential new drugs from being fairly considered. The Washington, D.C., AIDS policy organizations have not historically included research issues in their "corporate culture," and might not be able to challenge the research community when necessary; yet these organizations will manage the articulation of the AIDS consensus which will go to the Clinton transition team. Some candidates now discussed as a potential "AIDS czar" have avoided treatment issues. In short, all the conditions are in place for a nightmare of business as usual, which could leave us, in several years, about where we are today—with no major new antivirals and little advance in AIDS treatment except for refinements in the use of AZT, ddI, and ddC.

AIDS activists can make the difference, by never letting the most critical issues in drug development be ignored. So far, however, early drug development is scarcely on the table among activists. It has been easier to focus on more immediate concerns, such as conditions for expanded access, or equity in access to clinical trials. These issues are also important, but without better drugs, they will not save many lives.

The facts about excellent candidate drugs not getting into the development pipeline have been public knowledge for years. Yet this issue has received little attention until now, because until this month there was no chance of resolving it successfully. Such a pervasive, systemic malfunction cannot be repaired without national commitment and high-level support.

Our biggest enemy today is the quagmire of 11 years of federal AIDS mismanagement. What can defeat it is an ongoing determination to bring the most critical problems into the light of public attention, to keep them there as long as necessary, and to insist that they be addressed. AIDS activists must take the lead in exposing the seriousness of neglecting the flow of new drugs into early clinical development.

What follows is a series of recommendations we submitted ourselves and for others to present to the National Commission on AIDS, which is preparing recommendations for the new president and Congress.

BETTER AIDS DRUGS: THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE

To improve AIDS/HIV treatment and save the lives of those already infected, the greatest need by far is better antiretroviral drugs. And the main reason progress in new drugs has been so disappointingly slow concerns obstacles near the beginning of the drug "pipeline"—in the late preclinical and early clinical stages of drug development. This part of the development process has been overlooked, not because of scientific disagreements but because of systemic political and commercial snafus. It urgently needs more attention.

- Because of improvements by the FDA, the blockage near the end of the drug pipeline has

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been greatly reduced; ddI, ddC and now d4T have been made available. The problem is that no major anti-HIV drugs are now in the pipeline, except for some, like tat and protease inhibitors, which are still in the very early stages in clinical trials. Therefore, no important advances are likely from the mainstream drug-development pipeline for at least several years.

An FDA press release dated Oct. 19 said that the FDA had "received" more than 500 IND applications "to test drugs or biologics that may have potential in treating AIDS and other HIV-related conditions." But when the press release listed "potential AIDS therapies publicly acknowledged by their sponsors to be under study," it had to stretch considerably to include any anti-HIV drugs. The following is the FDA's list of "INDs for experimental antiviral agents": compound Q, N-butyl DNJ, ribavirin, ddC, beta interferon, d4T, and AZDU. None of these is likely to be a major advance in HIV treatment, and some appear to be dead. Vaccines, which can also be HIV treatments, are listed separately; but there is considerable debate about whether any therapeutic vaccine has shown clinical benefit or is ready for large trials. And as for the drugs the FDA could not name because they had not been publicly acknowledged by their sponsors, none could have progressed to large human trials without being well known. In short, no important HIV drugs will emerge for some time. The image of hope and competence projected by the press release is an illusion.

• Dozens, if not hundreds, of potential anti-HIV drugs or lead chemicals have been produced in university and other laboratories, tested in viral cultures or in animals, and published in major, peer-reviewed journals. Usually development stops there, since no one involved has the money to finish the preclinical development required or to begin human tests. Since no public agency takes responsibility for shepherding these compounds into further development if justified, they usually wait indefinitely unless some pharmaceutical company picks them up—unlikely when there is no data on biological activity in humans.

• The existing AIDS trials networks (ACTG, CPCRA, CBCT) are focused on a later stage of research. Today they are often conducting dubious trials because they have no compelling drugs to study.

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• Some people believe that the National Cooperative Drug Discovery Group program (NCDDG-HIV) is addressing this problem. We have not attended their meetings, but we hear that they focus on theories of rational drug design—which clearly will be the ultimate future of drug development, but so far has not been effective for AIDS. (Much of the focus is on improving high-tech tools such as computer imaging systems, but the drugs produced with those tools have not worked.) For the current epidemic, we also need empirical development of the most promising leads available, even those resulting from chance discoveries instead of high-tech science. But this work is undervalued because it is usually routine and not glamorous.

• The bottom line is that we are suffering a serious imbalance in research, because the drugs which most need attention now for saving lives are not well positioned to build the constituency needed to motivate their continued development. Drugs which are already marketed, or almost ready for marketing, can develop industrial, medical and public constituencies. Rational drug design generates both industrial and academic support. But no constituency champions a drug developed by one scientist or academic team, with no pharmaceutical sponsor, and with no human tests.

RECOMMENDATIONS

• The executive branch must take responsibility for proactively shepherding critical drugs through the development process—not just wait for some pharmaceutical company to move.

• The U.S. National Cancer Institute has shown that the government can successfully carry out early human drug development when necessary. Both legislative and executive branches should expand this work.

• The executive branch should set up a medical research ombuds office, where anyone who knows about research snafus of any sort can report them, and can expect to get action when appropriate. Most of the problems which block clinical trials or other research are red tape accidents which could be cleared up by a few phone calls from an office with the president's authority behind it. When broader policy issues are involved, the office should research and prepare recommendations for the executive branch, for

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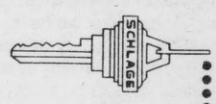

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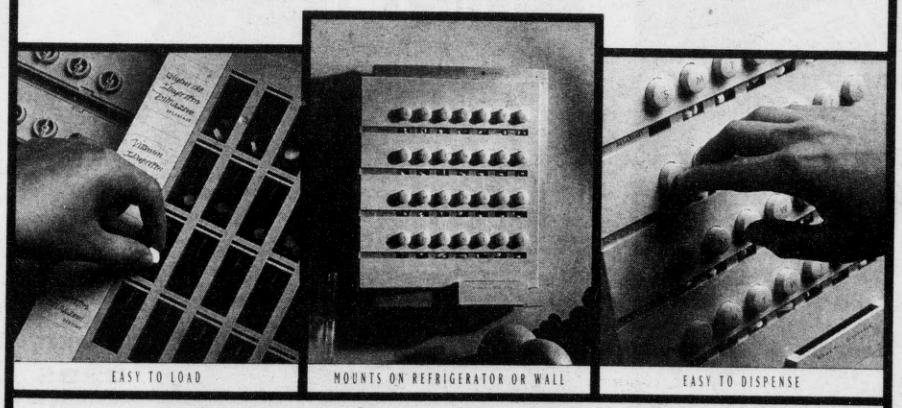

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ticles, certain individuals within that system are not.

Don't get me wrong. I feel strongly that there is still a great need for community watchdog groups to scrutinize government's and society's response to AIDS treatment and its deficiencies. Prison officials do respond to the public scrutiny that ACT UP demonstrations and *SF Bay Times* articles represent. Whether or not their response will be adequate or timely is a different matter. Of course, this could be said of almost anything pertaining to HIV that the government oversees. However, focusing on the results of these deficiencies, rather than their origins, is reactionary and ultimately does little to hold individuals who are responsible for their occurrence accountable. The physicians and health-care providers who treat HIV-related illness at CMF are the *lowest* tier of accountability within the prison system. Making defamatory remarks regarding this echelon of professionals does not address the root of the problem.

At least three HIV physicians from CMF spoke with your reporter at length regarding deficiencies that preclude us from delivering adequate medical care to HIV-infected inmates. Why were these problems, and the dilemmas prison health-care workers face in dealing with them, not addressed in your articles? For example, we can do nothing to increase or improve the amount of resources we have, the financial support we receive, the quality of equipment or housing furnished, the level, quality or commitment of staff and ancillary services provided, etc. The quality of care can be impeded at many levels within the system by uncaring, selfish individuals. As a physician without the power to effect change at CMF, I spent months fighting bureaucracy, apathy and ignorance to give inmates the most care possible with what means I was provided. In order for your criticism to be effective, it would make more sense to single out those in a nodal position of responsibility and hold them answerable for long-term solutions.

HIV health-care is in a state of crisis. Public and private funds are becoming more scarce. AIDS research is stagnated by the machine of governmental and professional indifference. Greed within the private industry of medicine subverts the very oath we as physicians took to provide medical care to our patients. These issues take on new meaning within the Department of Corrections. They transcend concerns over a handful of physicians and nurses who are as beat up by the prison system as the inmates themselves. Ultimately, if it comes to a matter of increased funds to supply resources, or a restructuring of the leadership within the Department of Corrections, it falls to the legislature and the public to decide the fate of the prisoners. In a time when so many individuals have little or no health-care benefits, even after leading productive, meaningful lives, I wonder how many people would vote for increased taxes to provide prisoners with additional medical care?

For those of us who have taken this type of difficult work into our lives, it stings to become the subject of criticism from a community from which we had previously sought support. Mr. Kingston and Ms. Greenspan (ACT UP/SF), as members of a community that knows well the effects of ignorance and injustice, should take care not to launch an attack that indiscriminately includes many caring individuals who have attempted to make a positive difference at the battlefront of HIV care within the California prison system.

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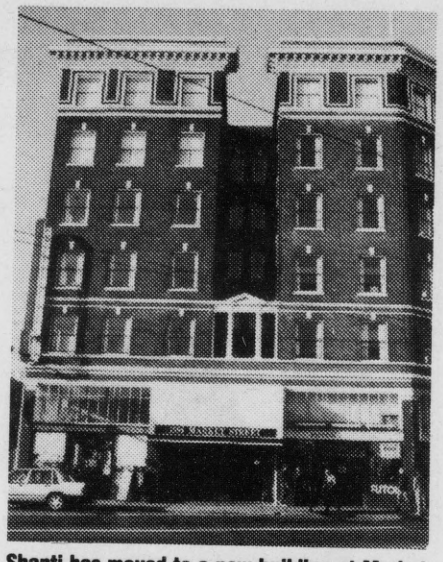

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Prisoners With AIDS Have the Right to Live

Regarding Tim Kingston's article in the Nov. 5 issue ("A New Tactic as Another PWA Dies..."), I would like to take this opportunity to clarify a few issues and items that your readers might not understand.

Lt. Mandeville, the prison's spokesperson, said the recent deaths here were being investigated by the Institutional Investigative Services (IIS). Actually, that branch of the Department of Corrections is called the Investigative Services Unit, and inside this prison, Security and Investigation (S&I). Prisoners commonly refer to them as "Gooners" individually, or the "Goon Squad" or "Gestapo" collectively. While this may seem humorous, it is chillingly appropriate.

Earlier this year, after the prison received information from an outside public health agency that numerous inmates had been witnessing hospital staff verbally and physically abusing an AIDS patient in the G-2 Hospital Wing, S&I was called in to investigate. S&I raided the Catholic Chapel, where the Pastoral Care/Hospice Services office is located, and seized much of the PCS files, including signed statements from at least eight inmates who had personally witnessed the abuse. Without interviewing six of those eyewitnesses, nor any of the inmate porters who work in the hospital, S&I proceeded in their investigation—not against the hospital staff—but against two of the inmates who had reported the abuse! Of course, the prisoner who had been the victim of this torturous abuse was never interviewed and died in mid-January. As their "investigation" progressed, S&I went so far as to file disciplinary charges against two of the inmates: Michael Haggerty, the PCS coordinator, and Lenny Lutz, the assistant PCS coordinator, were charged with making false statements against staff. Together, they were charged with more than $4,000 for the cost of the "investigation." There was one problem: The Names Project, in large part due to the work of Haggerty and Lutz, was conducting the first-ever display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt in prison (Feb. 20-21) and there were several media representatives at the prison during that time. But, less than one hour after the opening ceremonies had been completed and the

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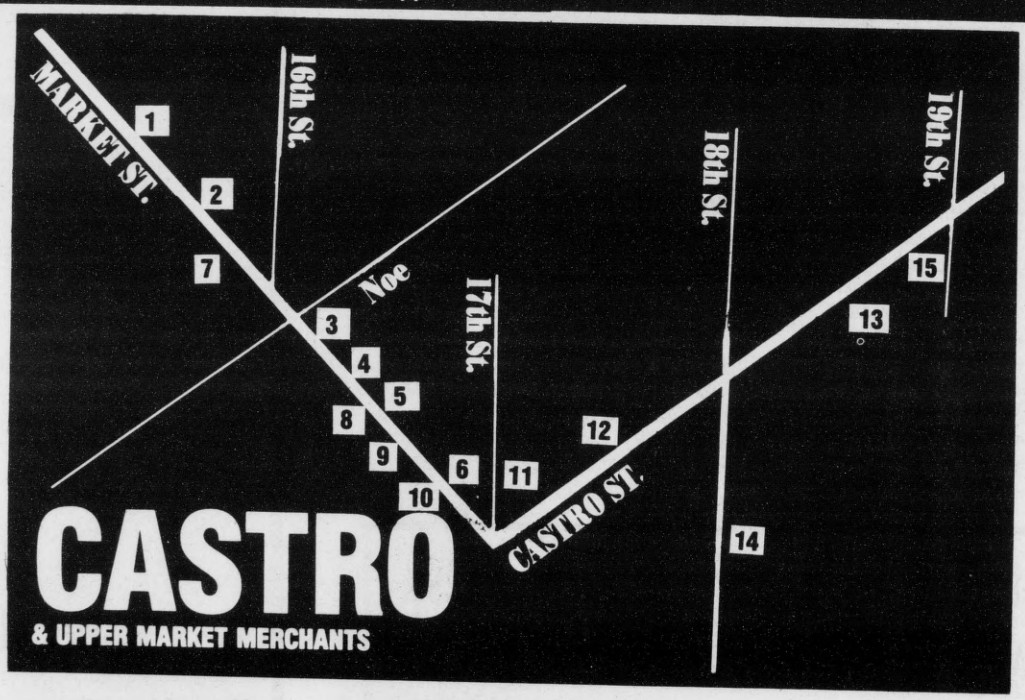

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press had been escorted out of the prison, Haggerty and Lutz were informed of the charges against them and served with copies of the disciplinary reports. These reports contained several inaccuracies, including statements by staff against the inmates' character. However, when those staff members were shown their "statements," they were shocked. These staff members later courageously came forward to testify on behalf of Haggerty and Lutz at their disciplinary hearing and refuted the S&I account of their statements. Haggerty and Lutz were found not guilty of making false statements and the charges were dismissed. However, per the order of one associate warden (the same associate warden who barred PCS from all HIV housing units), Haggerty was fired from his job as PCS coordinator and barred from the PCS office area. Harassment against Lutz and PCS intensified and Lutz himself was later locked up on very questionable charges; subsequently he was also fired from PCS. The hospital staff members who were originally accused of abusing the AIDS patient continue to work in the hospital and are still, to this day, routinely observed verbally and physically abusing AIDS patients. So when the prison says S&I is investigating these recent deaths, please understand what that means and say a prayer for the prisoners.

An "investigation" here means being escorted to "The Basement," where you will be asked, ever so sweetly, if you have any allegations to make against staff. These questions will be asked by the same "Goon Squad" officers who conducted the investigation of Haggerty and Lutz. The same "Gooners" whose uniforms consist of dark green jumpsuits, black utility belts holding radios, handcuffs and batons, and black jump-style boots, where pantlegs are tucked in military fashion. The same "Goon Squad" who were among the snipers hidden in the trees during the ACT UP demonstration here on Oct. 1. We have no doubt that S&I is currently "investigating," so again, please pray for us.

The just released Report by the Assembly Committee on Public Safety found that the prison staff here directly contributed to the premature death of at least four PWAs in the last three months alone! Also in the legislative report were 25 recommendations for improvements, including one that called for no retaliation against inmates who speak out about abuses. I am among the many inmate activists here who are speaking out, and I am worried, very worried, about our health and well-being, especially after the press leaves. So I would like to ask everyone who reads the *SF Bay Times* to come to the rally outside the prison on Dec. 5, to support the Legislature's recommendations, support the inmate activists and support all inmates with HIV and AIDS. Tell the prison and S&I that cover-ups and Gestapo tactics must stop. "Prisoners With AIDS Have the Right to Live."

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If the anti-gay forces get their way, we may have to take names of those who gave their lives for their country off the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Washington, D.C., once they find out which ones were gay.

Bob Mulholland
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Giants and Others

The following letter was hand-delivered to each of the City's Supervisors and the Mayor. So far I have received responses from the offices of Terence Hallinan and Angela Alioto. Am I surprised that the Mayor has yet to respond?

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Your recent campaign to save the Giants made me feel undervalued on the deepest symbolic level. I am a gay man living with HIV.

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True leadership leads by example. I hope that you will do your absolute best to find ways to accomplish the things you want to get done. However, if saving my life is not yet among the priorities you've set, I hope you will refocus your attention and understand that people with HIV need the support of the world on the deepest level.

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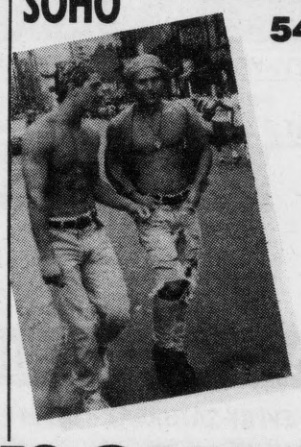

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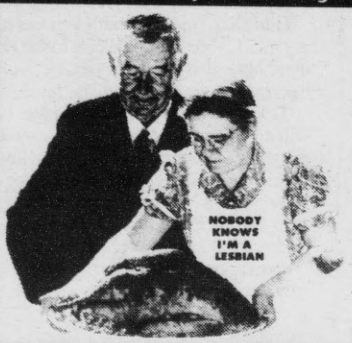

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BY JACK FERTIG

Stellar Staller

There is a god and She is merciful! Just as we enter the high stress and tension of the holiday season, Mercury has just turned direct. She is also seriously twisted: Mars just turned retrograde. Oh well, nobody actually gets anything done this time of year anyway. Just don't expect to resolve any longstanding arguments for another couple of months. Be extra careful with your holiday baking. Mars is retrograde in Cancer, just begging for culinary disasters. They don't have to happen. At the first sign of frantic urgency, stop, breathe and think. Slow, easy and careful does it. Holiday partying will easily get out of hand, so designate a driver and, yes, that is mistletoe on my belt buckle. Why do you ask?

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Usually you're well centered in the present, but this week your mind will be racing a couple of steps ahead of reality. This is a good time to let your mind wander into uncharted territories, but don't let your mouth try to drag everyone else along. Go ahead and say what you have to say. Your ideas are at least novel, entertaining. And, yes, they could—possibly—be very helpful. Let others judge. You may be successful right now in currying favor, but confidence can get out of hand, leading you to shocking behavior. Your outrageousness will be observed and exaggerated. It will serve you better if you don't push it.

TAURUS: You're on a creative roll that can be very productive unless you let it become the center of controversy. (It can even be great as a center of controversy as long as you let others controverse while you remain perfectly blithe.) That may be a challenge. You're just aching to get into a good argument, but let your work do your talking for you. It is much more eloquent. You and your partner are now sorely tempted to have it out. Challenge yourself to grow through this process. Deepening your relationship is much more important than being "right."

GEMINI: You're famous for being intellectually adaptable, but right now you're just being pig-headed stubborn. Tempted though you are to get into arguments with others, try to focus that intellectual intensity on some inner challenge. There must be something you can think of that you need to prove for yourself—much more important than proving some trivial point to someone else. Besides, quiet maturity, especially when it's focused into artistic sensitivity, makes you look especially attractive this week.

CANCER: I hate to tell you this, but recent challenges aren't going away any time soon. Right now you're tempted to feel that your lover is too good for you, deserves better, and may even be "doing better" while your back is turned. S/he would actually like to comfort and reassure you, but you have to offer the trust and acceptance to allow that. Some sexual experimentation can help open up channels of communication. Discuss your fears and frustrations. Telling them won't hurt your partnership nearly as much as hiding them would. Secrets are going to come out now anyway. Express them in trust and openness so they can work in your favor.

LEO: Your playful streak is especially strong right now, but unlike your usual manner, it's coming across a bit mean. You could avoid others and concentrate your creativity onto your work. Some one can offer help, but let the poor soul know that cooperation will have to be very businesslike. There are a few things weighing on your mind right now, making you a bit cranky and resentful of "intrusion." Deal first with family/home issues, then with health and work concerns. Through it all remember that you tend to be a bit more expressive than others. If you're not very, very careful you are (perhaps unwittingly) inviting most of the attention you are getting.

VIRGO: This is a good time for you to hide out at home, work on creative projects, and then get creative with your work. Social activities, however tempting this time of year, are fraught with danger. You're in an argumentative mood (as are many others) these days. You're going through a period of re-evaluating your long-range goals and hopes. This is making you especially antsy and forcing you to re-consider a great many of your friendships. Now, especially, you're likely to blurt out any misgivings, and your friends would take them the wrong way. There are more gracious ways to find out who your real friends are. Write frank letters to those you have your doubts about. The letters are for yourself, not to be mailed, and they will definitely help you put things into perspective.

LIBRA: Recent money problems will clear up around the 7th, but until then your tendency to obsess on the problem is itself half the problem. Better now to focus on creative endeavors that don't involve money. Your writing and editing skills will be especially sharp in the coming week, an excellent time to edit recent writings. This clarity of expression will in turn lead to insights regarding your family, heritage or current domestic situation. No, it's not just the impending holidays; the stars point to a major week of ACA shares, and not necessarily at the meetings where they're appropriate. Politely enduring...uh, I mean *listening to* others will provide insights for yourself. You're as likely as they are to speak in odd situations, so grab hold of your usual sense of propriety and save your histories, important as they are, for the right audience.

SCORPIO: Through the 6th, your shopping will be relatively sensible and disciplined. From the 7th to the 10th you are much more subject to impulse and extravagance. Throughout this week you're inclined to express yourself more openly than usual and very forcefully as well. You don't mean to get into arguments, but they'll be hard for you to avoid. Most of your strongly expressed convictions are personal feelings that are not subject to fact or logic, nor should they be. As such, others can disagree and feel as they like about the matters at hand. Agree to disagree, and you can have your opinions without conflict.

SAGITTARIUS: You'll be offered an opportunity to get creative with money, but it's not worth the trouble it will cause. Any ventures started now will only create conflicts over the next few weeks. Otherwise, money shouldn't be a serious problem for you, but watch out for impulse spending. Yeah, yeah, 'tis the season and you have lots of friends to shop for, but a little careful consideration before each purchase will add up to save you a lot. Inner conflicts and anxieties recently burbling up to your consciousness are making you especially feisty now. Your sudden extreme sensitivity can make you hot—under the collar or in the sack. Be very clear about your emotional needs and have them met appropriately. *Happy Birthday: Mary Messer, Keith Folger and Athena McMahon!*

CAPRICORN: This can be a wonderful week for sudden insights and inspirations, but this newfound wisdom can be a bit unsettling. Set aside a little time out of every day next week for meditation and reflection. You're tempted to turn to friends for strength, but right now you're prone to expect (or to offer) too much depth and commitment of resources. As you might expect, this is a great trigger for misunderstandings and some pretty loud arguments. Better to sit down; make lists of your needs, hopes, and expectations vis-a-vis friends in general and relationships in specific. Then find someone you can discuss that with without making that person feel like a focus for your needs.

AQUARIUS: You've been awfully hard at work lately, and will continue to work hard for a while. If you enjoy your work that's not a problem. Through the next few weeks, though, you may feel awfully like Sisyphus. Right now the pressure is especially intense. One way or another you'll make your displeasure known to your boss or clients. Do it in a constructive fashion before you explode. Turning to friends for support at this point will only open up a whole new can of worms. On the other hand, if you offer support to friends you will find yourself centered and strengthened through your own acts of generosity.

PISCES: You are now intensely focused on certain ideals. At best you can challenge your own beliefs through acts of dedication and faith. A much easier choice would be to get into arguments with everyone around you. Meditation will help you to stay focused on your own inner truth and disentangled from others'. Meditative centering will be good preparation. Through the coming week you're going to be at the center of your social circle. You'll find it hard to stay clean of friends' expectations, to keep your own boundaries and priorities in order. Hard, but not impossible. Prioritize your goals. Stay centered on your own needs. Be open to helping others, and/or to enjoying their company, but stay in tune with your priorities. ✿

THE SAN FRANCISCO
BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

coming UP

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Holiday concert with SF Gay Men's Chorus at the Herbst Theatre. OnStage has info.

DEC 3 / T H U

Talk is Cheap... Lesbian video production group seeks other women to work on an erotic, not necessarily explicit lesbian short. Physically fit & uninhibited women with special interest in acting are especially welcome! Call (510) 526-2471 for details.

Auditions for Bullins/Woodward Theatre Production Wkshop. Dramatic & musical plays will be mounted & staged for presentation; Black & multicultural actors are invited to call for appointments. Wkshop mtgs & rehearsals to be held at Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St, SF. For appointments/info call 822-7898.

Pinoy Positive Panel at Mt Zion: Self-identified Filipinos with HIV and members of their families speak at a forum at UC Med Center's Mt Zion Hospital. Panel also includes Filipinos whose partners have HIV or AIDS. Spons by the Filipino Task Force on AIDS. Seating limited, adv reg advised, call FTFA at 703-9876 for info/res.

You & Your Aging Relative: Support group offered by Jewish Family Service. Focus on role changes, psychological impact of aging on the family, finding & coordinating community resources, sharing of personal experiences. Open to all individuals, regardless of religious affiliation. 6 sessions, starting in Jan. $75. Pre-reg required, call Allan Grill, MFCC (510) 532-6314.

Rainbow's End, lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group meets tonight & 12/10 & 17. 6:30-7 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors, 7-9 pm group time for everyone. Group for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning youth ages 14-23 only. Info/location: 457-1115.

Marin BACW Business Mtg: 7-9:30 pm. Marin Bay Area Career Women business meetings are open to all. Info/directions: Lynne or Sandi 457-4866.

Cunt Play for Women Class with JC Collins. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of educational & artistic classes for the s/m community. Class covers using heat rubs, play piercings & electricity in s/m scenes. Emphasis on safety throughout. Women only. $15-7 SL fee. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. Info: 550-7776.

GLAA Mtg: Gay & Lesbian Artists Alliance monthly meeting, 7 pm at Richard Bolingroke's home, 2356 15th St at Castro, SF. Potluck, social & discussion of June 1993 group show. All interested artists are encouraged to attend. Info: 863-5654.

Time Out: An Eve for Gay Men who are parenting or interesting in parenting. Community Forum spons by the Parenting Program of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Discussion of what the gay parenting community needs for support, addressing the concerns of men who want to be parents, or to be around children. Pre-reg strongly encouraged. Info/res: Kevin Gogin 753-0413.

Author Alan Siegal (*Dreams That Can Change Your Life*) discusses how dreams can help solve conflicts in relationships, parenthood, work & other creative endeavors. 7:30 pm, $5. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: Making Friends. Lynn leads a discussion on how to make the rap group a great place to get to know people. All women welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

At Walden Pond Books: Stephen Beachy reads & signs copies of his book, *The Whistling Song*. 3316 Grand Ave, Oakl. 7:30 pm. 3316 Grand Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 832-4438.

Mango Jam, all-woman band (Erika Luckett, Jackeline Rago, Susu Pampanin, Michaelle Goerlitz, Donna Viscuso, Daria Schwarzchild & Jan Martinelli), perform an infectious mix of Latin American, Caribbean & Middle Eastern music, blended with contemporary American jazz at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

New Horizons Rap Group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people ages 22-29, meets tonight & 12/10, 17. Come meet other young people your age, discuss topics relevant to your age group. First-time visitors should attend drop-in time, 7:45-8 pm; group time for everyone, 8-9:30 pm. Leave messages at 457-3523 (picked up on Thurs eves) or call 457-1115 for location info.

Open Dora's: Monthly open mic at Red Dora's Bearded Lady. Comedy, music, wild performance. Emcee Heather Pearl & unknown guest! Sign-up at 7 pm, call 281-0707. Show at 8 pm. $3-5. 485 14th St at Guerrero, SF.

Cabaret: Night of sweet jazz vocals with Sarah Eve Sweet at SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. 8 pm, $6. Info/res: 346-6040.

"Deep in the Crotch of My Latino Psyche," L.A. performers Albert Antonio Araiza, Monica Palacios & Wis Alfaro in a night of comedy, drama, pathos & pinatas at Josie's Cabaret; as they deal with pinata phobia, 12 Step Catholics, rich Latino culture, sex in a taco, illegally intellectual aliens, artificially inseminated chihuahuas, mariachi voodoo, American me/American them, Mc-Frida burgers, Our Lady of Guadalupe floor wax, effeminate homeboys, butch cholas and more—don't miss! Show runs Wed-Sun thru 12/13 at 8 pm, with added 10 pm shows on 12/4 & 12/11. Info/res: 861-7933.

Betty Bethards, mystic healer & author (*The Dream Book, Be Your Own Guru*) lectures on "Awakening the Spiritual Self & Christmas Trance," at Ft Mason Center, Bldg A, SF. 8 pm, $9 gen'l, $6 srs & youth. Info: Inner Light Foundation (707) 765-2200. WA.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous meet 8-9:30 pm tonight & 12/17 at Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakland. Free. Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors & multiple personalities. Info: (510) 839-8844.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Activists Melissa Farley & Chris Domingo read from *Femicide: The Politics of Woman Killing*, co-edited by Jill Radford & Diana E Russell. Performance by musician Theresa Chandler. 8 pm, $3-10 donation benefits Women's Voices, OWT's cultural events series; no one turned away for lack of funds. Proceeds from the sale of the book benefit the Clearinghouse on Femicide. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Queer Video Fest at Paula's Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. 99 cents, free after pm. Info: 621-5877.

Off the Wire at ATA (Artists' Television Access): Ongoing series features three more choice cuts of public access prime rib, see *Alison & Scot's Wacky World*, a zany, opinionated comedy show; *Sputnik's Mad Variety Television*, an offbeat humor show and Jennifer Kroot's *Suicide & Summer Squash*, a vague tale of Elanor, a pre-Raphaelite superhero who finds herself in the wrong world where she tragically attempts to escape. 8:30 pm, free. 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info/res: 824-3890.

DEC 4 / F R I

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Work/BBQ sign-up deadline is today—see 12/5 listing for details.

Heart-Relating Wkend for Lesbians —thru 12/6. Learning How to Create What You Want in All Your Relationships: Rediscover & deepen your love for yourself, your lover & everyone you care about. Learn how to consistently bring out the best in yourself & others. Every relationship has breakdowns, upsets—learn how to use them to promote intimacy & growth, rather than drifting apart. Wkshop presented by Sonika Tinker & Debra Rein of LoveWorks, Inc. Info/reg: 572-1999.

Women's Gala Mistletoe & Magic Dinner/Dance: Today's the deadline for early reg, see 12/13 listing for details.

Learning to Say Goodbye Wkshop: Focus on learning how to be with loved ones during their final hours, say goodbye, grieve, and begin the healing process. 6:30 pm-9:30 pm tonight, 10 am-4:30 pm tmw, $49. In the Eastbay, workshop repeats in SF on 12/11-12. Info/res: (510) 944-0705 or (415) 346-4677.

Spiritual Dimensions of Whipping Class with Michael Dane; spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of educational & artistic classes for the s/m community. Michael shows techniques that tops & bottoms can use to open up spiritual pathways and to protect themselves from negative influences. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. $20-10 SL fee. Info: 550-7776.

12th Annual Messiah Sing at UC Berkeley. 7:30 pm, $8, proceeds benefit the Young Musicians Program (YMP). Jung-Ho Pak, conductor of the University Symphony, directs selected Bay Area soloists, along with members of the University Orchestra. Come join in! Bring your own score, limited number of scores available at the door. Adv tix: Cal Performances (510) 642-9988. Other info: (510) 642-2686.

Shabbat Gathering of Jewish lesbians, bisexual women & women friends: Come let go of the week & your work; bring in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture, no experience necessary! SF location this month. Bring a substantial vegetarian potluck dish. Please do not wear scents. 9:30 pm. 7:30 pm. For location/directions call 626-7073, for other info call 821-4009.

WORLD Benefit at the Women's Bldg: Event includes world music concert with *Mango Jam* women's band, panel of women living with AIDS/HIV, erotic safe sex demo by Alane Freund, and unveiling of the WORLD Quilt in honor of women who have died of AIDS. *WORLD* is a newsletter for women living with AIDS/HIV. 7:30 pm, $5-15 SL fee. Info: WORLD (510) 658-6930.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Reception for the Society of Lesbian & Gay Anthropologists (coincides with the conference of the American Anthropological Association). Also see display of books by member authors. Public welcome. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

Kitka, women's folk chorus, in a concert of Eastern European women's choral music. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Part of Old First Concerts series. Old First Church, 1751 Sacramento at Van Ness Ave, SF. Info/res: 474-1608.

"Deep in the Crotch of My Latino Psyche," a night of comedy, drama, pathos & pinatas at Josie's Cabaret with Albert Antonio Araiza, Monica Palacios & Luis Alfaro, see 12/3.

Folk/Jazz Concert with Ellen Hines at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Sensed that, pulled Hair, got Undressed: Carrie Field & Miriam Kronberg, two "white/truth/grunge diggers" perform dance & text works exploring privilege, queer life, passion, images, relationships, STDs & rape. 8:30 pm tonight & tmw at 848 Divisadero St, SF. Tix $5-10. Info/res: 885-2003.

Free Party Platter at ATA: Artists' Television Access Open House: See selected cuts from Craig Baldwin's Other Cinema series, plus samples from Fritz Steele's Workers' Film & Video Forum, and tidbits from Keith Knight's Toontown Rats bi-monthly series. 8:30 pm, free. 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

70s Disco Funk at Paula's Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. $3-5. Info: 621-5877.

DEC 5 / S A T

Join Gay/Lesbian Sierrans as they repair & restore Upper Fisherman's Trail on the beautiful Marin Headlands. No experience necessary. Work followed by delicious BBQ. Info/sign-up: 861-6591 by 12/4.

Basic Dating 101: Learn how to make dating a self-affirming experience, and increase your chances of developing an intimate relationship. Today's workshop for gay men, 12/12 workshop for lesbians. $55. San Rafael location. Info/res: (510) 649-9818 or (415) 456-0802.

Alameda Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take High Street Exit off Hwy 880. Follow High St WEST toward Alameda to Otis. Turn left on Otis, follow across bridge. Turn right on Island Drive & immediately right onto Veterans Court. Meet 9:30 am at end of court. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Ocean Beach Day Hike with SF Hiking Club: 8-10 miles, no elevation gain, walk mostly on hard-packed sand (you can turn back anytime you wish, return trip is on the same route, by public transport). Cost: Muni Fast Pass or $1 each way on the Muni Metro (have 8 quarters for the total fare). Bring lunch, water, sunscreen & windbreakers, also spare socks & a small towel in case you get your feet wet. Rain cancels. Meet 9:30 am at Harvey Milk Plaza, Market & Castro St, SF. Info: Clyde Wahrhaftig 285-1260 BEFORE 10 pm.

Urban Jaunt with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: Thru North Beach, Telegraph Hill to Coit Tower & environs. Meet 9:30 am at Thrifty, Church & Market, SF. Bring cash for lunch & water.

La Boutique de Noel presented by Alliance Francaise de San Francisco: 10 am-5 pm at 1345 Bush St, SF.

The Use of Sound in Healing: an experiential wkshop with Ruth-Inge Heinze, PhD. Proivdes instruction & practical experience in using sound & music to improve the quality of life, facilitate mind-expanding states, and more. Spons by the Calif Society for Psychical Study. 10 am-6 pm, $80. Info/reg: (510) 849-3791 btwn 8-11 am.

LIPS (Lesbian Installation Projects) spons a workshop to create a community-based installation with other lesbian artists. All media considered. Committed professionals & novices are welcome. Held at Laney College, Oakl. Pre-reg required, call Pamela (510) 222-4552 for info.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Author Cheryl Traendly (*Gay Games III: The Women*) signs copies of her latest work, a captivating collection of photos take in Vancouver chronicling the games & women who were there. Noon-5 pm. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

How to Honor Your Intuition: Learn psychic development in this class with Susan Levitt. Noon-3 pm, $35. Two Sisters Book Shop, 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park. Info: 331-1028.

At Barnes & Noble Bookstore: Don Novello, aka Father Guido Sarducci aka Lazlo Toth, reads from his book *Citizen Lazlo! The Lazlo Letters, Vol 2*. 1-3 pm. 2352 Shattuck at Durant, Berkeley. Info: (510) 644-0861.

Hortiphiles Holiday Swim Party: 3 pm potluck held in the Oakland Hills home of a Hortiphiles member, includes glassed-in rain forest with heated pool & spa. Guests & newcomers welcome! Bring your swimsuit & towel. For info/location call 851-1022. Hortiphiles is a group for lesbians & gays who enjoy growing plants & visiting gardens.

Michael Taussig discusses his new book, *Mimesis & Alterity: A Particular History of the Senses* at New College, 777 Valencia St, SF. Co-spons by Modern Times Bookstore & New College of California. 5-7 pm, free.

Ethnic Potluck Dinner with Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group. Come share food that's part of your ethnic heritage or upbringing. For details & directions call Veronica 494-6211. Palo Alto location. All women welcome, see you there!

"Meeting Men" Party presented by the Human Awareness Institute. Guided exercises & heart connections in pairs, to help you discover the path of gay intimacy. 7:30 pm, $20. A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 239-7839.

Criminal Syndicalist Coffeehouse, spons by the Wobblies (IWW—Industrial Workers of the World). Benefit for the new Queer Labor Focus, a focus group of Queer Nation. Entertainment by *Pansy Division*, Paper Tiger TV's documentary of the IWW dispute with the End Up bar, plus open mike for poets & songwriters. 8 pm at ILWU Hall, 255 9th St, SF.

Uncensored Evening With... A sexually provocative event featuring Stoney Burke, Bobby Lilly, Mark Prichard, Carol Queen, Frank Moore, Richard Pacheco, Marcy Sheiner & Shar, to benefit CAL-ACT (Californians Against Censorship Together). 8 pm, $10-25 SL donation. Humanist Fellowship Hall, 411 28th St, Oakland.

Kathryn Warner in concert at the Tea Spot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo Ave at Addison, Berkeley. 8 pm, $5. Info/res: (510) 428-0932.

Solstice Dance & Music, a performance to benefit the upcoming Rhino production. "Coconut," a feminist

musical fable by Adele Prandini. Presented by Anne Bluthenthal & Dancers & Theatre Rhino. 8 pm, $7-20 at door. The Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info/res: 864-6683.

Gayle Marie in Concert at Mama Bears: Celebration of her latest release, a Christmas song cassette. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

Holiday Bach Festival with *Baroque Choral Guild* and *Magnificant Baroque Orchestra*. Period instrument performance of JS Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* and *Magnificat in D*. Tonight at 8 pm at First United Methodist Church, Hamilton & Webster, Palo Alto. Tmw at 7:30 pm at First COngregational Church, Dana & Durant, Berkeley. Free lecture-demo on original instruments offered 30 min before each performance. Tix $12. Info: (408) 737-9950.

The Tallis Scholars in concert at Stanford Memorial Church. Program of early vocal music. 8 pm, $20. $3 discount for stdnts. Info: 725-ARTS.

"Deep in the Crotch of My Latino Psyche," night of comedy, drama, pathos & pinatas at Josie's Cabaret, see 12/3.

Sensed that, pulled Hair, got Undressed: See 12/4.

At Paula's Clubhouse: *Motherlode* and *Mountain Pig*. 9 pm, $5. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Danny Williams, Monica Palacios & Maureen Brownsey. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Late Night Marsh series continues with works-in-progress by Josh Kornbluth & Jovanka Steele. Josh describes his bewildering year as a Princeton freshman grappling with calculus, politics & sex; Jovanka humorously describes her attempt to break the mother/daughter knot. Tonight & 12/12 at 10:30 pm, $7. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

DEC 6 / S U N

Ethnic Bazaar at Spirit Theatre Dance Studio: Balinese, African & ethnic clothes, masks, gifts. $3. Call (510) 849-3232 for time & location info.

Sharon Art Studio Craft Sale: Ceramics, glass, jewelry & more—high quality student work at very reasonable prices. Great bargains for gifts or for holiday entertaining! Arrive early for best selection. Admission free. 11 am-5 pm in the Sharon Building, Golden Gate Park (next to the carousel & children's playground). Info: Sharon Art Studio 753-7006.

A Taste of Electricity Class by Tony DeBlase; spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational classes for the s/m community. Seen electrical devices in stores or catalogues, but not known which ones you'd like? In this class Tony (after discussing safety precautions) will give you an opportunity to experience & compare different electrical sensations. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. $20-10 SL fee. Doors open at 12:30 pm, class 1-3:30 pm in a private SF space. Info: 550-7776.

CAL-ACT (Californians Against Censorship Together) spons "Rally & Walk for Freedom, in Support of the Bill of Rights," and in opposition to the religious right's attempts to curtail the basic rights of expression & privacy. Rally features costumes, flags & speeches from the Revolutionary War era. 1:30 pm, front steps of SF City Hall. Info: (510) 548-3695.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: The 2nd annual SEXART Salon in memory of gay playwright Robert Chesley. Open stage salon focused on sexuality & creativity. Open to writers, performers & artists who want to read, perform or share work (your own or someone else's) that explores the full range of sex, sexuality & eroticism from the sensual & erotic to the outrageous & sexually radical. Men & women of all sexualities are welcome. 3 pm, $10 includes buffet dinner. At Eichelberger's, 2742 17th St, SF. Info: 544-1136.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin quarterly service at 3 pm. Observance of World AIDS Day with the musical group *Hi Vibrations*. All welcome. Redwoods Presbyterian Church, 110 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 457-1115.

"Never Mind the Pollocks (West Coast Ways of Making Subculture By Making Art)," a lecture by Bay Area critic & art historian Rebecca Solnit, discussing innovation & subversion in Calif art since the 1950s. 3:30 pm, free with museum admission. George Gund Theater, 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Spons by University Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive. Info: (510) 642-1207.

Sacred & Profane, a chamber chorus directed by Susan Swerdlow, presents a chorus of French & English music for the holiday season. Medieval carols & works by Dufay, Costeley, Goudimel, Debussy, Milhaud, Britten & John Rennbourn. Concert followed by festive party. 4 pm today at First Unitarian Church of Oakland, 685 14th St, Oakl; 8 pm on 12/12 at St Peter's Episcopal Church, Lawton at Broadway, Oakl. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Info: George-Ann Bowers (510) 524-3611.

Annual Holiday Party with Chevron Lesbian/Gay Employees Association at Pauline's Pizza in SF. Bring ethnic food for Project Open Hand. For tix & other details call 281-0788.

Holiday Party spons by Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: GLS Annual Holiday Party & Awards Dinner featuring the live band, *The Fabulous Velcros*. 5-10 pm, $10 at Olive Oil's, 295 China Basin Way, SF.

Beautiful erotic sculpture and other works gy Rive Nestor. One night only! At Off Your Dot, 2241 Market St, SF. Everyone welome! Info: 252-5642.

Candlelight Concert & Chocolate Tasting with *Die Mannerstimmen* male vocal ensemble at St Matthews's Lutheran Church, 16th & Dolores, SF. 7 pm, $15. Event benefits the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention. Program includes Renaissance a cappella selections, new arrangements of California Gold Rush songs, choral settings of Robert Frost's poetry and the usual, unusual arrangements of holiday tunes. Info/res: 826-4618.

Melanie DeMore & Friends in concert to celebrate the release of her new album, "Share My Song." 7:30 pm, $9. Nile Hall Theatre, Preservation Park nr 13th & Martin Luther King, downtown Oakl. Info: Redwood Cultural Work (510) 835-1445.

"Deep in the Crotch of My Latino Psyche," night of comedy, drama, pathos & pinatas at Josies' Cabaret, see 12/3.

Jazz, folk & blues hybrid with *Endangered Species* at Sugar Shack tonight & 12/13, 20 at 8 pm, $4. 430 Haight St, SF. Info: 241-0117.

Holiday Dance spons by Golden Gate Connections, a social club for heavyset men & their admirers. 8-11 pm at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. Club provides appetizers, soft drinks, cocktails & music. Plus 50/50 raffle & raffle for a free Convergence '93 registration. For more info or to carpool call Arlen (510) 233-6503 or Bobbi (415) 871-7870.

***Sirba* in concert: Album release party for their new album,** *The Wailing Wall*. 1 8-10:30 pm, $5. Special guest artist, master hand drummer Vince Delgado. Ashkanaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley.

Int'l Music Night at Paula's Clubhouse with *Doghouse*. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

DEC 7 / M O N

Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair at SF State University: Features the work of over 75 artisans. Today thru 12/10, 9 am-6 pm, free. Live music daily at noon. Held in the SF State University Student Union. 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Info: 338-2444.

Women Writers Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 6-9 pm tonight & 12/21. Led by author/performer Isa VSW Red. Group provides writing support for women over 50 yaers old. Info: 626-7000.

Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight & 12/14 for food, drink & conversation at The Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. 7 pm. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info/calendar: Pierre 753-0687.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Amy Tan & illustrator Gretchen Schields discuss & sign their book, *The Moon Lady*. *The Moon Lady* is a children's book adapted from Amy Tan's acclaimed novel, *The Joy Luck Club*. 7 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Upstart Stage: Series of staged readings continues with "TBA" by We Don't Know. Hilarious comedy/drama/musical. Doors open at 7 pm, reading begins promptly at 7:30.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Marilyn Pittman. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring gay & lesbian comics sign up by phone, call 861-7933 for res/info. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

Special Event at Paula's Clubhouse: *Bathtub Gin* from Seattle, and *Loved Ones*. 10 pm, $3. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

DEC 8 / T U E

At Barnes & Noble Bookstore: Sally Socolich discusses savvy shopping tips from her updated book, *Bargain Hunting in the Bay Area*. Free coupons! 7-8:30 pm. 2352 Shattuck at Durant, Berkeley. Info: (510) 644-0861.

"Working with Western Medicine in a Metaphysical Way," a talk by Rev Annette Keyes, Church of Amron minister. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight & 12/15 at the Bison Brewery, 2598 Telegraph at Parker, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. 7:30 pm. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Herb Caen signs the second volume in the collection of his columns, *Herb Caen's San Francisco, 1975-1991*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Gloria Frym reads from her new collection of short stories, *How I Learned*. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

Holiday Concert with Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers. A joyous & hilarious holiday concert—hear the outrageous "Satan Claus," new versions of popular carols, and other surprises. 8 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Holiday Concert for the child in all of us, with *SF Winds of Freedom*. Program includes *Greensleeves, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* and *White Christmas*, plus the *Winds of Freedom*'s Dance Along Nutcracker (tutu rentals available!). 8:15 pm, free. Bethany United Methodist Church, 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF.

At Paula's Clubhouse: *Freak Show, Ho Down* and *Jux County*. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

DEC 9 / W E D

Monthly Informational Gathering for Oakland & Berkeley residents interested in finding shared housing or sharing their home, spons by Project Share. 2:30 pm at 3102 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-9030.

Guerrilla Girls West make a public appearance in protest of SF Museum of Modern Art's exhibit of work by Jeff Koons, the perpetuation of stereotypical & pornographic images of women, and the under-representation of work by women & ethnic miniorities in the art world. 6-9 pm in front of SF Museum of Modern Art.

Modeling, Music & Dancing: Women's fashion designer Franco Barone spons an evening to benefit Visual AID, an organization that supports artists living with AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. 6 pm till the wee hours at La Piazza Cafe in the Hotel Bedford, 761 Post St, SF. Event includes preshow dancing with John Santos' hot salsa & Latin jazz band, *Machete*, and dinner buffet. Tix $15 adv, $20 at door. Info/res: Franco Barone 922-8595. Tix available at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets tonight & 12/23 at 6:30 pm in the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. Newcomers are especially encouraged to attend tonight's mtg, when time is set aside especially to welcome newcomers.

Marin BACW Course in Miracles Group: Bay Area Career Women sponsors this ongoing study group that promotes personal & spiritual growth. 7-9 pm tonight & 12/16, 23 & 30. Newcomers welcome! Info/location: Sharon 453-9317.

"History on Screen: SF's Gay & Lesbian Heritage from the 1800s to the Present," a slideshow presented by SF Public Library Park Branch, in conjunction with the SF Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Historical Society. Narration by the Society's archivist, Bill Walker. 7 pm in the downstairs meeting room of Park Branch, 1833 Page St, SF. Info: 666-7155.

At Barnes & Noble Bookstore: Elizabeth Pincus reads from her new Nell Fury mystery, *The Two-Bit Tango*. 7-8:30 pm. 2352 Shattuck at Durant, Berkeley. Info: (510) 644-0861.

At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: Dr John Gray, author of *Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus* shares his insights into male/female communication styles & modes of behavior. 7:30 pm, $5. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Author Jeffrey Zable (*Zable's Fables*) discusses his collection of adult fables which explores the alienation & fragmentation of living in our modern world. 7:30 pm, $5. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Xam Cartier reads from her magical novel infused with with rhythm of jazz & the heart of the blues, *Muse Echo Blues*. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

Roger's Cabaret, a benefit performance presented by the Sexual Identity Forum, a support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning youth. 7:30 pm, $3 donation. Proceeds go toward sending SIF members to the Nat'l March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Rights, in April. At San Mateo High School, San Mateo. Info/RVSP: 572-0535.

"Deep in the Crotch of My Latino Psyche," night of comedy, drama, pathos & pinatas at Josie's Cabaret, see 12/3.

Gay USA: NY-produced news show presents lesbian & gay national & international news. Every Wed at 9 pm on cable channel 51, SF. Info: (212) 727-8850.

DEC 10 / T H U

Talk is Cheap... Lesbian video production group seeks uninhibited women, see 12/3.

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

New Horizons Rap Group for lesbian, gay & bisexual people ages 22-29. Tonight's Social Nite Out—call 457-1115 for details.

14th Annual Silent Auction Benefit for Rose Resnick Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired: 6-10 pm at Kensington Park Hotel, 450 Post St, SF. Third floor. Celebrity hosts Terry Lowry & Fred LaCosse. Eve includes complimentary hors d'oeuvres, silent & live auctions & 3-course dinner with wine. $40 per person. Info/res: 441-1980.

Parenthood & 2nd Parent Adoptions: A Preventive Law Workshop. Learn the options & legal rights of donor, birth mother, co-parent & child. 7-9 pm, $25. Forms provided. Info/res: Law Offices of Linda Scaparotti, (510) 835-0850.

Rainbow's End group for gay youth meets tonight, see 12/3.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Autumn Stephens reads from her first book, *Wild Women: Crusaders, Curmudgeons & Completely Corsetless Ladies in the Otherwise Virtuous Victorian Era*; a collection of independent, iconoclastic women who refused to whittle themselves down to the 19th century Victorian model of proper womanhood. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: Where Do You Want to Be in 5 Years? Lynda leads a discussion on goals in relationships, careers, location, health, etc. All women welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

Health Lecture at SFJCC: "Sunlight & Aging Skin: Strategies & Options," talk by Drs Lewis Tanebaum & Jeffrey Binstock about the effects of sunlight on the skin, signs of aging skin, warning signs for skin cancer, and various cosmetic treatments, including surgery. 7:30 pm, $5. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

"14 Years of the Gay & Lesbian Movement in Mexico," a talk by Yan Maria Castro, one of the founders of the lesbian movement in Mexico. 7:30 pm, $3-5 SL fee. Spons by the Int'l Latino Lesbian & Gay Network. Women's Building, 3543 18th St, SF.

Lynne Jassem in "Rhythm Anonymous," an eve of tap, mime, singing & stand-up satire at New Conservatory Theatre. Tonight thru 12/12 at 8 pm, $10. 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info/res: 861-8972.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Suzanne Sherman, author of a book about same-sex marriage, *Lesbian & Gay Marriage: Private Commitments, Public Ceremonies*, discusses the couples she interviewed who married & those who chose not to, and other issues surrounding this hotly-debated topic. 8 pm, $3-10 donation; proceeds benefit Women's Voices, OWT's cultural events series. No one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

New Horizons Rap Group for queer young people—see 12/3 listing for details.

At Cody's Books: *Ms* magazine editor in chief and author Robin Morgan (*The Demon Lover, On The Sexuality of Terrorism*) discusses her new book, *The Word of a Woman: Selected Prose, 1968-1991*. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Canadian Folk Artist Jennifer Berezan celebrates the release of her long-awaited album *Borderlines* at Freight & Salvage in Berkeley. Tix $8

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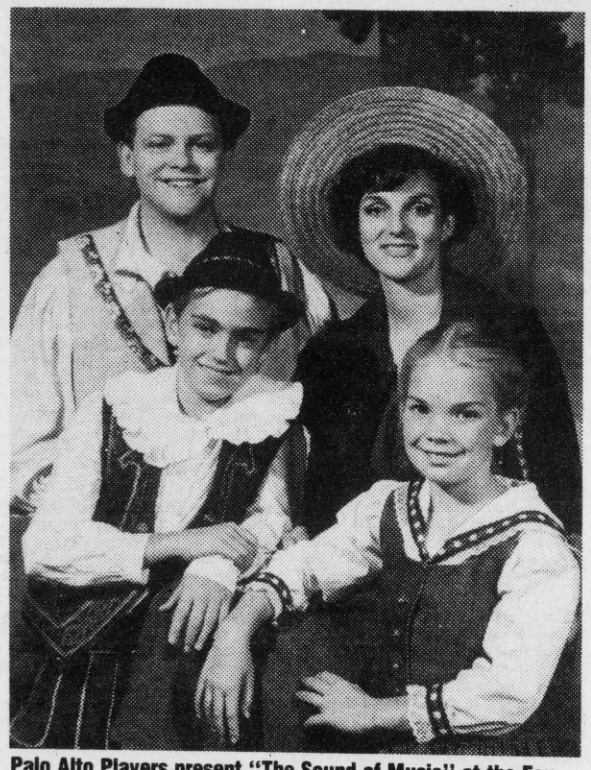


Palo Alto Players present "The Sound of Music" at the Fox Theatre in Redwood City thru Dec. 20. See Parents and Kids Box for info.

Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group Holiday Party: 12/13, 3-5 pm. Kids of all ages & newcomers welcome! Bring a gift (under $3) for the grab bag for everyone. Info/location: 457-1115.

Annual Holiday Party for Kids: Spons by SF Music Center. 12/12 at 11 am, free. The Ina Chalis Opera Ensemble perform Gian Carlo Menotti's short Christmas opera, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, followed by a carol sing-along and a visit from Santa Claus! At 2 pm the Ensemble performs *Amahl* again—$8 gen'l, $3 srs & kids. 544 Capp St, SF. Info: 647-6015.

SF Children's Chorus sings holiday folk songs from around the world, in several languages. 12/13 at 7 pm, free. SF Community Music Center, 544 Capp St, SF. Info: 647-6015.

Children's Programs at La Pena: All events begin at 10:30 am; kids $2, adults $3. 12/5: Amiguitos de La Pena present Annie the Clown. 12/6: Special show with Nancy Raven & Lichi Fuentes, celebrating the release of their tape, "Jambalaya & Friends & Family." 12/12: Amiguitos present Latin American songs with *Colibri*, featuring Lichi Fuentes, Alisa Peres & Dair Obenshain. 12/19: Mascaritas Puppet Theatre presents "Madam Scrooga," a variation of Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Also Children's class teaching **Mexican music and dance**, taught by noted Mexican musician Gilberto Gutierrez. Kids ages 6 & up learn the music, song & dance of the *son jarocho* of Southern Veracruz in Mexico. Wednesdays, 4-5 pm, ongoing, free. Classes conducted in Spanish. 3150 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Children's Gardening Program at Strybing Botanical Gardens John Muir Nature Trail. Kids learn planting, composting & harvesting of vegetables, herbs, fruits & flowers in the children's garden. Call 661-0668.

Storytime at Cody's series for kids ages 4-10, each Sat at 11 am. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852. Call to confirm reading schedule.

Storytime at Barnes & Noble Bookstore: All events are free. 12/12, 1-2:30 pm—Author Adele Bishop reads from her story, *A Christmas Polar Bear*. 12/13, 2-3 pm—Author David Carter reads from his story, *Jinglebugs*. 2352 Shattuck at Durant, Berkeley. Info: (510) 644-1652.

Saturdays at the Randall Museum: Programs for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Classes last 1-2 hrs. Classes start at 1 pm, sign-ups begin at 12:30 pm. Come early, space limited. Special winter season program includes classes celebrating Hanukah, Christmas & the Winter Solstice and featuring Hanukah Menorah-Making, Wreath-Making, Pop-Up Card Wkshop, Wrapping Paper Factory & more. Call 554-9600 for schedule & other info.

Animal Talk at the Randall Museum: Every Sat. Drop-in 12-12:30 pm and 2:15-2:45 pm. All ages, kids under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Free. No reg required. Chance to see some of the Randall's animals close up and in person. Call 554-9600 for info.

Free to be... A Family: New Conservatory Children's Theatre Co celebrates the diversity of American families with this production of Marlo Thomas' musical for children, a collection of stories representing kids of all ages & their many special families. Play runs Sat & Sun at 3 pm thru 12/6, with special Fri night performance on 12/4 at 8 pm. Tix $8-12 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info/res: 861-8972.

The Velveteen Rabbit: ODC/San Francisco, SF-based modern dance company, presents a dance/theatre production of the children's classic about a stuffed floppy velveteen rabbit that magically comes to life thru the love of his young owner. Production uses dancing, narration & music to relate a story about fundamental values of love, loyalty, growing old & being new. Play runs thru 12/6 at Palace of Fine Arts, SF and 12/27-29 at Regional Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek. Info/res—PFA: (415) 932-4400 or (510) 762-BASS; RCA: (510) 943-SHOW or (510) 762-BASS.

The Sound of Music: Peninsula Center Stage present the popular Rodgers & Hammerstein musical about the Trapp family. Previews 12/4, plays Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2:30 pm thru 12/20, with special Sat matinee on 12/12 at 2:30 pm. Tix $12-16, $18 for opening night gala production. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway, Redwood City. Info/res: 329-2623.

More Tales of Brer Rabbit: Lorraine Hansberry Theatre's 2nd annual production of well-known African tales and African American slave legends collected by folklorist Julius Lester. Play runs 12/9-20 at Lorraine Hansberry Theatre. For tix, showtimes & other info call 474-8800.

Spirit of Christmas Crafts Faire & Celebration: 16th annual event (12/4-6, 11-13, noon-9 pm on Fri, 10 am-7 pm Sat & Sun) includes lots of music—jazz, country, folk & gospel—plus many shows for children—clowns, puppets, jugglers, mimes, Magic Santa & the Elves, Rudolph, Frosty and the Snow Queen. Plus over 250 exhibits of quality handcrafts. Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Main Pavilions, Santa Rosa. Tix $3 gen'l, $2 srs, $1 kids under 12. Admission free on Fridays. Info: (707) 575-9355.

Spirit Theatre Dance Studio offers a children's afterschool program: African dance, ballet, mask making, tutoring. 1708 University, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-3232.

The Rainbow Clinic: New clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. Info/appt: 476-4883.

Non-Biological, Non-Legal or Other Mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mothers: Are you in danger of not seeing your child? New support group for women forming in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311 for info.

adv, $9 at door. Info/res: (510) 548-1761.
"Deep in the Crotch of My Latino Psyche," night of comedy, drama, pathos & pinatas at Josie's Cabaret, see 12/3.
Queer Video Fest at Paula's Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

DEC 11 / F R I

Lesbian Love Wkend Retreat: Opening to the Intimacy You Crave. A wkshop for singles & couples, thru 12/13. Deeply healing wkend away at a secluded Lake County retreat. Opportunity for breakthrough in receiving love, loving & embracing your body, expressing yourself. Heal past emotional traumas that get in the way of what you want. Move beyond painful blocks to emotional & physical intimacy, avoid "lesbian bed death". Presented by Sonika Tinker & Debra Rein of LoveWorks, Inc. Info/reg: 572-1999.
Learning to Say Goodbye Workshop—see 12/4.
At Barnes & Noble Bookstore: Danielle D'Ottavio Harned reads her contribution to *The Perimeter of Light: Short Fiction & Other Writing About the Vietnam War*. 7-8:30 pm. 2352 Shattuck at Durant, Berkeley. Info: (510) 644-0861.
Marin BACW TGIF & WCD: Marin Bay Area Career Women Thank God Its Friday & We Can Dance in the Wine Cellar at the Holiday Inn, San Rafael. Complimentary light snacks served. 7-8 pm social, 8-11 pm dancing. Directions: Take Hwy 101 north to Freitas Parkway exit, turn right at the 2nd light, continue up hill to the Holiday Inn. Food donations (cans & other non-perishables) accepted for the Marin AIDS Food Bank. $8. Info: Lynne 457-4866.
Holiday Concert spons by Spectrum Center: With Kathryn Warner at the San Rafael Improvement Club, 5th & H in San Rafael. Doors open at 7:30 pm, concert begins at 8 pm. Tix $8 in adv, $10 at door. Proceeds benefit Spectrum. Info: 457-1115.
"Deep in the Crotch of My Latino Psyche," night of comedy, drama, pathos & pinatas at Josie's Cabaret, see 12/3.
Lynne Jassem in "Rhythm Anonymous," see 12/10.
At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Author Robin Morgan (*The Demon Lover, Sisterhood Is Powerful, Sisterhood Is Global*) reads from her new book, *The Word of a Woman: Selected Prose 1968-1991*. 8 pm, $3-10 donation, proceeds benefit Women's Voices, OWT's cultural events series. No one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.
Workers' Film & Video Forum at ATA (Artists' Television Access): See *The Last Pullman Car* and *Four Dollars A Day? No Way!!*. 8:30 pm, $3-5 SL fee. 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info/res: 824-3890.

DEC 12 / S A T

Basic Dating 101 for Lesbians: See 12/5 listing for details.
Lafayette-Moraga Trail/Walnut Creek Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Route 24 East to Pleasant Hill Road exit. Go SOUTH on Pleasant Hill Rd to intersection of Pleasant Hill & Olympic Blvd. Turn right on Olympic. Meet 9:30 am in first parking lot on right. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.
14th Annual Celebration of Craftswomen: A Winter Arts Fair, Saturdays & Sundays, 12/12 & 13, 19 & 20, at Ft Mason Center Herbst Pavilion, Marina Blvd at Buchanan, SF. $5 admission, kids under 12 are free. Onsite childcare available, free parking at Chrissy Field. Info: 431-4141. Proceeds benefit the SF Women's Building.
Women's Self-Defense Class at Millberry Fitness Center, Studio 2. Focus on street-wise personal safety, defense & escape methods. Techniques include basic blocking, releases from common grabs, ground fighting & how to immobilize an attacker of any size. Includes strategies for confronting weapons. Taught by Nina Otis Haft, certified self-defense instructor & student black belt in Kung Fu. Participants should wear loose & comfortable clothing. Spons by UCSF Rape Prevention Education Program. 500 Parnassus Ave, SF. 10 am-5 pm, $65. Pre-reg required. Info/res: 476-5222.
Solo Milhaud Marathon, a Darious Milhaud Centennial Celebration: 10 am-4:30 pm at the Mills College Concert Hall, 5000 MacArthur Blvd, Oakl. Free. Info: (510) 430-2296.
Pancake Brunch & Auction to benefit the Bay Area Pledge of Resistance. Entertainment by *Grupo Muy Muy*. Brunch 11 am-2 pm, music starts at noon. WA. CC with adv notice. $4-10 donation requested. Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1606 Bonita Way at Cedar, Berkeley.
Latex Makes Me Wet! Class with Lady Cassandra & Samantha Ratt; spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational classes for the s/m community. If the sight, feel or smell of rubber increases your pulse rate, this class—which includes everything from the classic British look to skintight European fashions to total encasement bondage—is for you! Doors open at 12:30 pm, class 1-4 pm in a private SF space. $15. Info: 550-7776.
Children's Author Adele Bishop reads from her work at Barnes & Noble Bookstore, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.
Children's Story & Feeling Time at A New Leaf—See Parents & Kidsbox for details.
Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network spons a potluck social in SF, Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people are welcome! Info/location: (510) 428-0179.
Veterans CARE Christmas Party: Fun starts at 5 pm! 700 D Street, Petaluma. Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres & other finger foods. All Veterans CARE members and friends are welcome! Info: Bob (707) 546-3635.
Rainbow Women invite the women of BACW, LSG, SOL & SLUG and others to their 2nd anniversary holiday potluck at Lila & Janet's house in Santa Clara. For info/directions call (408) 247-7576.
"Holiday Around the World" Party spons by the Human Awareness Institute: Cabaret entertainment, socializing, dancing. Presentation by Stan Dale. Snacks & non-alcoholic beverages served. Everyone welcome! 7:30 pm-midnight at Unity Temple, 65 9th St, SF. $10. Info: Lois (510) 462-5485.
Lynne Jassem in "Rhythm Anonymous," see 12/10. Last performance!
"Deep in the Crotch of my Latino Psyche," night of comedy, drama, pathos & pinatas at Josie's Cabaret, see 12/3.
GAPA Dance Co present "Body Songs," an eve of dance choreographed by Jeff Friedman. 8 pm tonight, 7 pm tmw. Tix $12 in adv, $15 at door. SF Dance Theatre, 60 Brady St, btwn Market & Otis, SF. Info/res: 282-GAPA.
Sacred & Profane, a chamber chorus of French & English holiday music, see 12/6.
An Eve with JoAnn Loulann: Humor, education & insight into the joys & challenges of lesbian sex & relationships. 8 pm, $12 at IMA Cultural Center/Studio Retreat in Bodega. Info/res: (707) 876-3004.
Body Songs, program of traditional & contemporary dances, a collaboration between dancer/choreographer Jeff Friedman & GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance) Dance Company. Tonight at 8 pm, tmw at 7 pm at SF Dance Theatre, 60 Brady, btwn Market & Otis Sts, SF. Tix $12 adv, $15 at door. Parking available. Info/res: 282-GAPA.
Live music at Tea Spot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo Ave at Addison, SF. Info: (510) 428-0932.
At Paula's Clubhouse: *Louder Than God* and *Hate Holiday*. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Karen Ripley, Scott Capurro & Scott Silverman. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Late Night Marsh series presents works-in-progress, see 12/5.

DEC 13 / S U N

The Lesbian Erotic Dance—Liberating Our Sexuality: A wkshop for lesbians with JoAnn Loulan. 10 am-1 pm, $35 ($5 discount with tix from last night's talk, see 12/12 listing). IMA Cultural Center, 585 Salmon Creek, Bodega. Info/res: (707) 876-3004.
Celebration of Craftswomen: Annual arts & crafts extravaganza! See 12/12.
Potluck Brunch for Men spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders): Noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Bring a dish to share, and a wrapped gift to be used for a prize for our Bingo game. Info: 626-7000.
7th Annual ClaireLight Holiday Party! Come celebrate—lots of refreshments, cheer & fun guaranteed! Noon-5 pm at 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
Tribal Play Workshop: An afternoon of celebration, participatory activities & physically & emotionally safe sex. Uses imagery & ritual to build self-esteem, improve body image, foster a sense of community & provide satisfying interaction with pro-sexual men. Doors open at 12:30 pm, workshop 1-5 pm. $15 per person, $20 for two. No one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 255-1864.
Children's author David Carter reads at Barnes & Noble Bookstore, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.
Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group Holiday Party—see Parents & Kidsbox for details.
Last Call at Maud's benefit screening for this film on the secret world of lesbian bars, from the 1940s thru the 1980s. Tonight's sneak preview screens the completed film, see it before it hits the int'l festival circuit! Doors open at 5 pm, separate screenings at 6, 8 & 10 pm. $10 tix benefit the Maud's Project. Olive Oil's Restaurant & Bar, 295 China Basin Way, Pier 50, SF. One night only!
At ClaireLight Women's Books: Come lighten up with a night of laughs—courtesy of feminist comic Gayle Remick. Feminist humor meets family values, recovery & religion! 6 pm, $5-10 SL fee. Info: (707) 575-8879.
Women's Gala Mistletoe & Magic Dinner: Delicious food, fabulous floorshow, plus dancing to great oldies. At B Street Nightclub, 236 B St, San Mateo. $25 after 12/4, $19.50 in adv. Info/location: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 821-4665.
Winter Ritual Celebration: Co-led by Luisah Teish, author and African Yoruba priestess, and Starhawk, eco-feminist author, workshop leader & peace activist. Eve of singing, dancing & ritual celebration at the Sebastopol Community Center, 390 Morris St, Sebastopol. A night of joyful participation, open to all—bring drums, rattles & a spirit of peaceful unity. $12. For adv reg send check or money order for $10 to Harmony Network, PO Box 2550, Guerneville, 95446. For more info call (707) 869-0989.
Body Dances, program of traditional & contemporary dances, see 12/12. Final performance!
"In Our Own Voice," historical slide show of women who passed as men, from ancient societies & feudalism, to the modern era. Author Leslie Feinberg's presentation is the first of its kind in the US given by a passing woman. Feinberg also reads one of her short stories published in Joan Nestle's newest anthology, *Persistent Desire: A Femme-Butch Reader*. 7 pm, $3-10 donation. No one turned away for lack of funds. Program spons by Workers World Party. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 826-4828.
5th Annual Solstice Concert/Ritual with singer/songwriters Betsy Rose & Judy Fjell. A participatory evening of songs, readings & ritual at Unitas House, 2700 Bancroft St, Bancroft. 7:30 pm, $7-9 at door, non-perishable food donations requested (to be distributed to Oakland Pot Luck, an Oakland volunteer food distribution organization). Info: (510) 525-7082 or (510) 845-2727.
Endangered Species at the Sugar Shack, see 12/6.
"Body Songs," an eve of dance with GAPA, see 12/12.
"Deep in the Crotch of My Latino Psyche," see 12/3 listing for details. Final performance!

DEC 14 / MON

Reading & Talking Women group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6:30-8:30 pm for potluck supper/discussion. Call Pat 626-7000 ext 135 for this month's book title, and other details. 77 Waller St, SF.
"Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Info for Self-Employed People," a two-evening seminar (also 12/16) offered by SF Renaissance Entrepreneurial Center, and taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel, EA. 6:30-9 pm, $60. 1453 Mission St, SF. Info: 863-5337.
Memorial for Petra Kelly spons by Bay Area Greens: Honors the life work of Petra Kelly, fouding member of the German Green Party, who was found dead on 10/19. 7 pm at Ft Mason Center Bldg A, SF. Donations of food & clothing are welcome, they will be donated to the homeless in Petra's name.
Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight for food, drink & conversation, see 12/7.
"A Christmas Memory," Robert Coffman reads from the Truman Capote holiday classic at Theatre Rhino. This popular annual event benefits Theatre Rhinoceros, the nation's leading lesbian & gay theater. 8 pm, $8. Info/res: 861-5079. 2926 16th St, SF.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Marilyn Pittman. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.
At Paula's Clubhouse: *Quagmire* and *Slough Feg*. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.
Forbidden Planet at Paradise Lounge: Wkly drag/transsexual showcase. Today's show features Bambi Lake and *The Living End*, with guest vocalist Jade Semi-Precious, karaoke with Anna Karney. 9:30 pm, $5. 308 11th St, SF.

DEC 15 / T U E

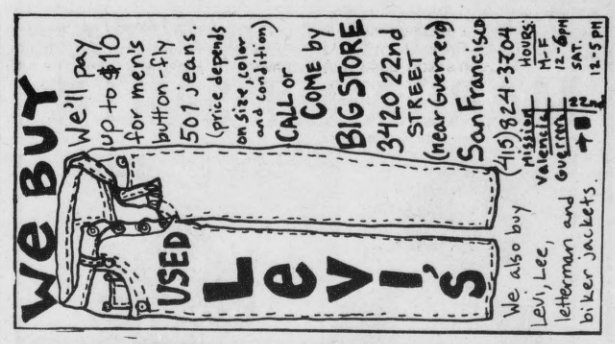
"Overcoming Holiday Depression," a talk by Rev Jonathan, Church of Amron minister. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight for food, drink & conversation, see 12/8.
Comics Margaret Cho & Mark Davis at Josie's Cabaret, in a night of hilariously funny stand-up comedy. 8 pm, $10. Tues-Sun at 8 pm thru 12/20, with an added 10 pm show on 12/18. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Steamy night of original erotic works with Midgett! 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Women's Voice's, OWT's cultural events series. No one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.
Traditional Christmas Caroling in the Castro with *SF Winds of Freedom*. 8 pm at 18th & Castro. See you there!
Music in the Blood Holiday Program at The Marsh: Music in the Blood, an innovative community of singing theater artists directed by Candace Navig, present their holiday program of music by Candice Navig, Barney Jones, Samuel Barber, Steeleye Span, Ladysmith Black Mambazo & Bernice Reagan, plus traditional songs. 8:30 pm, $6. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

DEC 16 / W E D

Men's Discovery Discussion Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay Lesbian Outreach to Elders) holds a Christmas Party! At 145 Guerrero (Francis of Assisi), SF. For time & other info call 626-7000.
Spring 1993 Preview Fashion Show at Art Attack Gallery, 323 Divisadero St at Page, SF. Features the work of glove designer Linda Lorraine, clothing designer Sheila Moon and mad hatter Jessica Pickett. Focus on rave wear with ecstatic bold colors & patterns, embodying the spirit of 60s & 70s fashions. Avant-garde models, refreshments, and plenty of art! Info: 621-3505.
Marin BACW Course in Miracles Group meets tonight, see 12/9.
At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Alev Lytle Croutier presents a slide-show discussion of her book *Taking the Waters: Spirit, Art & Sensuality*; a book on the spirit, art & sensuality of bathing. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.
Margaret Cho & Mark Davis at Josie's Cabaret, see 12/15.
Gay USA News Show—see 12/9.

DEC 17 / T H U

New Horizons Rap Group for lesbian, gay & bisexual people ages 22-29 meets tonight. Topic: Coping With the Holidays. For location & other info call 457-1115.
You & Your Aging Relative: Support group for people caring for aging relatives, spons by Jewish Family Service, see 12/3.
At Barnes & Noble Bookstore: Poet Kit Robinson reads from his work. 7-8:30 pm. 2352 Shattuck at Durant, Berkeley. Info: (510) 644-0861.
Holiday Concert/Celebration with SF Taiko Dojo Drummers: Drum concert weaves traditional Japanese Taiko drumming with martial arts, mask dances, chanting, theatre & world ethnic percussion. An extravaganza of sound & beauty—don't miss! 7 pm, $10 adv, $12 at door. Event spons by GAIA Bookstore, takes place at Berkeley Jewish Community Center, followed by a Solstice/Christmas/Chanukkah/Kwaanza party at GAIA. Info: (510) 848-GAIA.
Rainbow's End, lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group meets tonight. 6:30-7 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors, 7-9 pm group time for everyone. Group for lesbian, gay, bisexual or questioning youth ages 14-23 only. Info/location: 457-1115.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: PC Trends in the Lesbian Community. Joyce leads discussion on our community's changing ideas of what correct behavior is and isn't, and why. All women welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.
Comics Margaret Cho & Mark Davis in a night of hilarious humor at Josie's Cabaret. Plays Tues-Sun thru 12/20 at 8 pm, with an added 10 pm show on 12/18. Tix $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
New Horizons, rap group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people ages 22-29, meets tonight. 7:45-8 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors, 8-9:30 pm group time for everyone. Leave message at 457-3523 (picked up Thurs eves), call 457-1115 for location info.
Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous meets tonight, see 12/3.
Queer Video Fest at Paula's Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.



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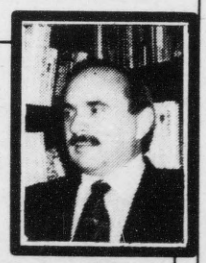

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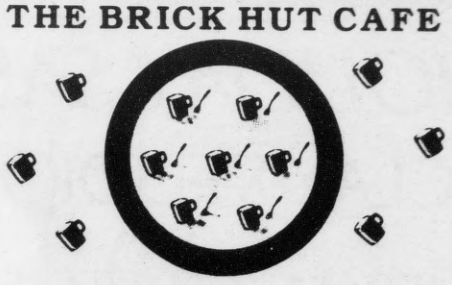

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galleries

On Exhibit at the de Young: "Master European Paintings," from the National Gallery of Ireland, thru 12/6. "Viewpoints XIX: A Fascination for Objects: Picasso & Still-Life Paintings," on exhibit thru 1/3. "William M Harnett," the first comprehensive exhibit of the 19th century still life painter's work, on exhibit thru 2/14. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: Photos by Linda Connor capturing sacred sites & spiritual artifacts, on exhibit thru 1/3. "Richard Diebenkorn," a major traveling exhibition of paintings by Diebenkorn, plus two programs devoted to discussion of the artist's work. thru 1/24. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Asian Art Museum: "Brushstrokes: Styles & Techniques of Chinese Painting," on exhibit thru 1/3. "Splendors of the Punjab: The Art of the Sikhs," display of more than 20 paintings, manuscripts & objects of decorative art depicting leaders & various scenes representing Sikh culture, on exhibit thru 12/27. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, 10 am-5 pm. Admission $5 gen'l, $3 srs, $2 youth ages 12-17, free for kids under 12. Info: 668-7855.

Azido Arts Gallery: "Rituals," forum for presentation & comparison of primitive & modern rituals. Includes paintings, sculpture, photography & mixed media as wel as live performances; opening reception 12/3, 7-10 pm. 560 Hayes St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sat noon-7 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. Info: 252-9001.

SF Camerawork: Noon-5 pm Tues-Sat. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 621-1001.

Judah L Magnes Museum: 30th anniversary exhibit highlights the museum's important work in rescuing, preserving, encouraging & exhibiting Jewish art. Thru 2/17. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "John Wilson White: A Photographic Installation," thru 1/17. "Elliott Erwitt: To the Dogs," snapshots of four-footed personalities, thru 1/17; "Maximum Repose: Portraits by Ansel Adams," thru 2/14. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Pogo Golden Anniversary," an exhibit of the works of Walt Kelly, one of the first socially conscious cartoonists; thru 1/3. "This Modern World," exhibit of work by cartoonist Dan Perkins aka Tom Tomorrow, thru 2/14. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat, Sun 1-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-9481.

The Clay Studio: 52 Julian Ave, SF. Hrs: Wed, Fri & Sat, 10 am-5 pm, or by appt. Info: 431-6296.

Eye Gallery: 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 431-6911.

Robert Dana Gallery: "A Precise View of Landscape," new & prior work by artist Giovanni Mancini, on exhibit thru 12/8. 1849 Union St, SF. Hrs: Thurs-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun 11 am-5 pm; and by appt. Info: 749-1849.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Natura Morta," large color photos by Oakland artist Jo Whaley on exhibit 12/3-1/16. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Jewish Papercuts," thru 1/2. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

SF Art Institute Walter/McBean Gallery: "In Progress," an exhibit of work by visiting faculty. Thru 1/18. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs till 8 pm. Info: 771-7020.

University Art Museum: "On Painting: The Work of Elmer Bischoff & Joan Brown," dual retrospective on exhibit thru 12/27 at Galleries 1 & 2. "Cecilia Vicuna: El Ande Futuro," exhibit of evocative sculpture by Chilean-born artist Cecilia Vicuna, thru 1/31 in Matrix Gallery. "Max Ernst: The Sculpture," exhibit of work by this central figure in the Dada & Surrealist movements, 12/12-3/7 at UAM/Pacific Film Archive. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

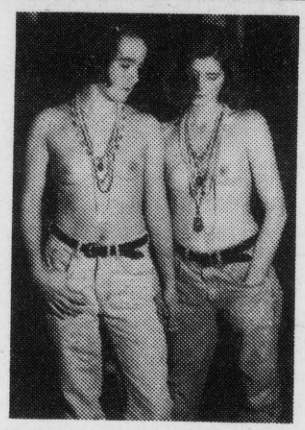
The Jewish Museum: "Bridges & Boundaries: African Americans & American Jews," a major exhibit examining the complex relationship btwn African Americans & American Jews in the 20th century. Organized by the Jewish Museum, NYC, with the Nat'l Assoc for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the exhibit features over 350 artifacts & art objects including paintings, sculptures, photos, documents, memorabilia & audiovisual material. Exhibit runs thru 12/20. 121 Steuart St btwn Mission & Howard, SF. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Sun, Mon-Wed noon-6 pm, Thurs noon-8 pm. Closed Fri & Sat. $3 adults, $1.50 srs & stdnts, kids under 12 are free. Info: 543-8880.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: Paintings & collage by Amy Trachtenberg, on exhibit 12/4-1/23, opening reception 12/4, 6-9 pm. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Wed-Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.

Morphos Gallery: "Patrick Carpenter: Recent Work," paintings & works on paper by Bay Area artist Patrick Carpenter, on exhibit 12/11-1/13, opening reception 12/11, 7-9 pm. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm, Thurs noon-9 pm, and by appt. Info: 626-1936.

MACE Space for Art: Exhibit of paintings by Joanna Gregores & Rolando Castellon, thru 12/23. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

Vision Gallery: "Ruth Bernhard: The Gift of the Commonplace," still-life photography by the revered master photographer, on exhibit thru 1/16. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.



Adrian Roberts art exhibit at ATA Gallery. See Galleries for details.
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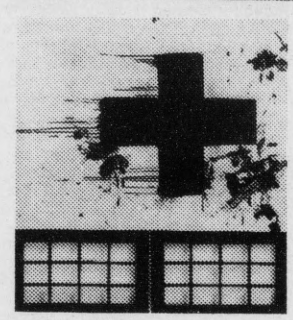

Paintings and other works by Patrick Carpenter at Morphos Gallery. For details, see Galleries. Photo by Patrick Carpenter

The Lab Gallery: "Without," an exhibit addressing grief, anger, hope in healing, and loss in relation to the AIDS epidemic. Part of the nationwide "Day Without Art" commemorations. 1807 Divisadero St at Bush, SF. Free. Hours: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm.

Spectrum Gallery: "Angels," group show of over 40 artists in various media, revealing the sacred, veiled wishes of human consciousness known as angels; on exhibit thru 12/31. 511 Harrison St at 1st, SF. Info: 495-1113.

Cards 'N Jazz Sports Art Gallery: "A Day at the Park," exhibit of original & limited edition baseball art by NY artist Mike Schacht. On exhibit thru 12/18. 1528 Pacific Ave, btwn Polk & Larkin, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm; and by appt. Info: 474-1096.

John Pence Gallery: 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

Ghia Gallery: 2648 3rd St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sat 1-6 pm, and by appt. Info: 282-3832.

The Owl Gallery: "The Simpsons!" premiere exhibit of original production cells used to create the Simpsons' series. Exhibit runs thru 12/16. 465 Powell St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 9 am-9 pm, Sun & Mon 10 am-6 pm. Info: 781-5464.

"Facades of France," photos of France by Susan Carlsen. Thru 12/15 at French Class, School of Language & Translation Service, 550 Sutter St, Ste 503, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs 9 am-5:30 pm,

Recent oil paintings & watercolors by Jeb Brady on exhibit at Linda Penzur Jewelry Studio & Gallery, thru 1/15. 71 Redhill Ave, San Anselmo. Info: 457-4079.

Installation at 509 Cultural Center/The Luggage Store, by Barry McGhee & Brett Cooke. Thru 12/6. 1007 Market St, SF. Info: 255-5971.

"Three Mayan Artists," exhibit of oil paintings of the Mayan Indians of Guatemala, by Pedro Rafael Gonzalez Ch, Antonio C Ixtamer and Bartolo Quiacain Cruz; thru 1/3 at Cafe Carmelina, La Pena Cultural Ctr, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 549-2352.

At ATA Gallery: "Portraiture," collection of large black & white prints by Adrian Roberts on exhibit thru December; and "Rave New World," video installation by Adrian Roberts, on exhibit thru 1/2. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Oil paintings by Bridgett Curt on exhibit at Menlo Park City Hall; thru 1/5. Opening reception 12/6, 2-4 pm.

on stage

Homo for the Holidays, a new comedy revue with music, created by a team of writers under the direction of John F Karr and F Allen Sawyer. Show highlights the rich diversity of experience the lesbian/gay community brings to bear on Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Winter Solstice, New Year's & other holiday celebrations. Runs Wed-Sat thru 12/12 at 8 pm. Matinee performance at 3 pm on 12/6, 5 pm performances on 12/5 & 12. Theatre Rhino production. 2926 16th St, SF. Tix $11-17. Info/res: 861-5079.

A Snake in the Vein by Alan Bowne. Explosive two-character one-act set in a NY drug clinic. A sensual, shattering black comedy. Theatre Rhino production. Runs thru 12/19 at Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm. Info/res: 861-5079.

The Desert Music: A Live Show: George Coates Works presents a fully staged production based on the legend of DB Cooper, who in 1971 skyjacked a commercial airliner & parachuted out over wilderness terrain in the western US with $200,000. Runs Fri-Sat at 8 pm thru 12/6. Tix $14-34 gen'l, $10-25 previews. Performance Works Theater, 110 McAllister, Civic Center, SF. Info/res: 863-4130.

The Arms of Helen by Mary Jo Price & Cara Hale Alter. Play takes a fresh look at the Trojan War, focusing on Clytemnestra, wife of Agamemnon, and Cassandra, a prophetic daughter of the Trojan King Priam. Theatre Forte production. Runs Fri-Mon at 8 pm, thru 12/7. SoMar Theatre, 934 Brannan St, btwn 8th & 9th Sts, SF. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 882-1199.

The Baltimore Waltz by Paula Vogel. Bittersweet comedy about Anna & her brother Carl's Alice in Wonderland journey thru Europe. The pair flee the shadow of AIDS in a fantastical last chance trip thru a Hollywood version of Europe. Magic Theatre production. Play Runs thru 12/20. Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm. Magic Theatre Northside, Ft Mason Center Bldg D, SF. Tix $12-21. Info/res: 441-8822.

Pre-Game by David Curran is a funny but poignant exploration of macho male bonding rituals & the relationship between a father & his grown son. Play runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 12/27. **Ribs** is a revival of Colm Wood's two-character Faustian farce, a demonic satire on a dehumanizing interview between a sleazy Hollywood agent & his client, an actress willing to compromise body & soul for fame. Opens 12/3, runs Thurs-Sat at 10 pm thru 12/20. For tix info & res call 626-9196. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF.

The Weber Family Christmas, Fratelli Bologna's 5th edition of this charmingly blasphemous yuletide tale (formerly known as "A Bologna Christmas"), is about the Christmas rituals of the Webers, a "hyper-typical" American family. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 12/27; with addt'l performances Sun 12/20 at 8 pm & Tues 12/22 at 8 pm (no performances on 12/24 or 12/25). Life on the Water Theatre, Ft Mason Center, Bldg B, SF. Tix $14-22; preview tix $7. Info/res: 776-8999.

When We Are Married by JB Priestly. Classic British farce; a send-up of high society Britain revolving around 3 couples who, on their joint 25th wedding anniversary, discover to their horror that they were never really married at all. Hillbarn Theatre Co production. Play runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm thru 12/19, with Thurs eve performances on 12/3 & 10 & Sun matinees on 12/6 & 13 at 2 pm. Tix: $13 gen'l, $10 stdnts & srs. MainStage Theatre, Foster City. Info/res: 349-6411.

At the Speed of Life: Elbows Akimbo (Michael Edo Keane & Johnna Schmidt) present a future parable about media control & resistance; exploring issues surrounding speed & speed culture, addiction, decay, technology & the myth of celebrity; thru an interdisciplinary blend of computer graphics, interactive video, sampled & live music & dance. Previews 12/9; runs Thurs-Sun 12/10-13 and Wed-Sun 12/16-20. 8 pm. Tix $6 preview; $8 Wed, Thurs & Sun; $10 Fri & Sat. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-3311.

The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams. ODC/San Francisco presents a modern dance/theatre production of the children's classic about a stuffed velveteen rabbit that magically comes to life thru the love of his young boy master. Production uses dancing, narration & music to tell a story about the fundamental values of love, loyalty, growing old and being new. Runs thru 12/6 at Palace of Fine Arts, SF and 12/26-29 at Regional Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek. Tix $8-20. For PFA tix: City Box Office (415) 392-4400 or BASS (510) 762-BASS. For RCA tix: Box Office (510) 943-SHOW or BASS (510) 762-BASS.

Webster Street Blues by Warren Sumio Kubota. A compelling & humorous look at Japanese American life in the early 1970s, during the nascence of the Asian American movement. Asian American Theatre Co production. Play runs Wed-Sun thru 12/20 at 8 pm, 3 pm matinees on Sun. Tix $13-15. Info/res: 751-2600.

Happy Days by Samuel Beckett. Runs 12/5-6, 10-13, 17-20 at 8:30 pm. Tix $7-10 SL fee at 1800 Square Feet, 719 Clementina St, SF. Info/res: 255-8510.

The Hole by Ken Prestininzi, new play inspired by Fyodor Dostoyevsky's *Notes From the Underground*. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 12/6 at The Diesel Cathedral, 3178 17th St at South Van Ness, SF. Info: 552-0229.

Baby With the Bathwater by Christopher Durang. A twisted look at a family gone far beyond dysfunctional. A

wildly absurd comedy of insanity, gender confusion and rampant Nyquil abuse. Produced by Seven-Out Productions. Play opens 12/3, runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 12/20 at Above Brainwash Theatre, 1126 Folsom St at 7th, SF. Tix $10 gen'l, $7 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 752-7808.

Outlaw Theatre II: Melting Ice—3 one-act "DrawMatic Executions," **976-Power** by Kathi Georges, **Elevate...Or?** by Ellen George, **If That's All There Is** by Paul Mendoza. Thurs-Sun thru 12/19 at 21 Bernice Theater, Bernice Alley btwn Folsom & Harrison, off 12th. 8 pm, $7. Info/res: 552-3034.

Beach Blanket Babylon holiday show at Club Fugazi. The nation's longest-running musical revue presents its customary holiday zaniness. Play runs Wed-Thurs at 8 pm, Fri-Sat at 8 & 10:30 pm, Sun at 3 & 7:30 pm; extra performances 12/9, 16 & 23 at 5:30 pm; 12/22 & 29 at 8 pm; no performance on 12/25. Info/res: 421-4222.

The Holiday Show by the Asian American Theater Co. Family-oriented production weaves Asian American themes into traditional holiday myths & songs; focuses on the lives of 3 Asian American families, who resolve their conflicts as the story unfolds. Shows at 8:30 pm, Thurs-Sat, with 3:30 pm matinee on Sat & Sun. Tix $13-15 gen'l, $7-8 for kids under 12. Asian American Theater Ctr, 403 Arguello St, SF. Info/res: 751-2600.

A Karen Carpenter Christmas by Tom Ross & Morey Goldstein. Yuletime extravaganza features both Christmas songs & classics from the Carpenter canon, performed by members of *Big Bang Beat*. Produced by The Marsh. A hilarious pageant suitable for the whole family. Plays 12/9-10, 12-13, 16-17, 20-23, 26-27 at 8:30 pm, with Sun performances at 3 & 7 pm. 1062 Valencia St nr 22nd, SF. Tix $7-10 at door & STBS. Info/res: 641-0235.

The Christmas Revels, 7th Annual event by the SF Bay Revels. Spirited masque of traditional & ritual dances, processionals, drama & songs in celebration of the winter solstice. This year's production honors the traditions of Scotland and features Scottish fiddler Alasdair Fraser & soprano and early music specialist Susan Rode Morris. Runs Thurs-Sun 12/10-13. 12/10 at 7:30 pm, 12/11 at 8 pm, 12/12 at 3 & 8 pm, 12/13 at 1:30 & 5 pm. Tix $20 gen'l, $12 srs, kids under 12 and Colonnade seating. Scottish Rite Theater, 1547 Lakeside Dr, Oakl. Info: (510) 841-6334.

Black Nativity, the Allen Temple Cantateers present their 11th annual production of the gospel song play by Langston Hughes. Produced & directed by Betty Gadling, minister of music at Allen Temple Baptist Church. Play's first act tells the Biblical story of the birth of Christ thru stirring gospel songs & traditional hymns & carols as well as dramatic dance sequences. The second act is a recreation of a 1940s revival meeting in which Christ's message is shared thru testimony & gospel songs of the period, as well as inspirational carols. Runs 12/11 at 8 pm, 12/12 at 2:30 & 8 pm, 12/13 at 6 pm; at Calvin Simmons Theatre, Kaiser Convention Center, 10th & Fallon Sts, Oakl (BART Lake Merritt Station). Tix $15 gen'l, $8 srs & kids ages 12-21, $6 kids ages 4-11. Info: (510) 569-9418.

The Revolutionary Nutcracker Sweetie, The Dance Brigade presents its 6th annual "nutty, rambunctious, irreverent, politically charged & delightfully perverse," multicultural dance/theatre extravaganza featuring music composed by jazz pianist Mary Watkins. Features over 50 Bay Area performers, including Native American & African American dancers, aerial performers & members of Axis Dance Troupe, a dis/abled performance group. Show runs Fri-Sun, 12/18-20 at 8 pm, plus Sat & Sun matinees at 2 pm. $13 adv tix, $15 at door, $10 kids under 12, srs & disabled. Scottish Rite Theatre, 1547 Lakeside Dr, Oakl. Info: (510) 762-BASS.

A Holiday Concert for the Child in Us, presented by the SF Winds of Freedom. Program includes the 5th "Dance Along Nutcracker," with guest artists Vocal Minority. 12/8 at 8:15 pm, free. Bethany United Methodish Church, 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Also traditional Christmas caroling in the Castro, 12/15 at 8 pm, at 18th & Castro. Info: 621-5619.

Holiday Concert at SFSU presented by the SF State Concert Choir and University Chorus. Features Saint Saens' *Christmas Oratorio*, Pinkham's *Christmas Cantata*, and Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*. Tix $5: 12/8 at 8 pm in McKenna Theatre, SFSU, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Info: 338-2467.

SF Gay Men's Chorus Holiday Concert, "Moms & Dads," features special guest, cabaret vocalist Weslia Whitfield. Highlights include "Festival Noel," by Robert Seeley; Durante's "Magnificat"; Movement 3 from Bach's Cantata 140, "Wachet auf ruft uns die stimme"; and a Nigerian carol in the Yoruba dialect, "Betelehemu." Concert also features reindeer, Santa Claus & traditional secular carol sing-a-long. 12/12 at 8 pm and 12/13 at 2 pm at Herbst Theatre, Van Ness Ave at McAllister St, SF. Tix $10, $15 & $17.50 gen'l, box seats $32.50. Tix available at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St or City Box Office, 141 Kearney, and at BASS. Info: 282-5492.

Christmas with Judy, a one-man show starring Matthew Martin. Includes singing, dancing & impersonations of the great legends, including Eartha, Sammy, Peggy & Judy. Caryn Horwitz production. 12/3-20 at The Magic Theatre, Bldg D, Ft Mason Center, SF. Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm. Tix $15. Info/res: 292-3218.

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► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services deals with issues & problems surrounding HIV & its impact on multicultural, multiracial communities. Provides support groups for gay/bisexual men of all colors in SF & Oakl. Also provides transportation assistance to medical appts & to pick up medication to HIV positive people in SF. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV+ Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

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Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

"Last Call at Maud's" film benefit at Olive Oil's on Dec. 13. Calendar has info.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Persons With AIDS Theatre: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free discussion group/class in SF. Led by a registered dietician. For info/location call (510) 547-7893.

The HIV Connection? Group composed of a broad spectrum of people who question the prevailing theory that HIV is a lethal virus which causes AIDS. Send SASE to The HIV Connection? 1072 Folsom St, Ste 321, SF 94103 for more info.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV+/AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Thurs at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV+ Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV+ Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV+ African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease. Tues 5:30-7 pm, free. Led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS. 3-month commitment required. Call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Tues-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

16 Steps to Empowerment: Group for people who feel left out or turned off by 12 Step groups. Meets Wed at 5:30 pm. For info call Christine 661-5716 or Elisabeth 928-3679.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times &

other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.

Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.

Free Drop-in Group for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. Info, support & referral regarding substance abuse problems. Spons by Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern.) 1853 Market, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 626-7000 V/TTY.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern) provides group & individual counseling for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. People with other mental health problems or taking psychiatric medication, or living with HIV, are welcome. SL fee, no one refused service for inability to pay. Info/intake appt: 626-7000 V/TTY. Wheelchair Accessible. 1853 Market St, SF.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous Mtg (Lesbians Living in the Solution) meets Mon nights at 6:30 pm at The Meeting Place, 2187 Market St at 15th, SF. Room B. Come work on issues around sex, love, relationships & romance in a safe, anonymous 12-step environment.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.

Self-Mutilators Anonyous (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro. This is a closed meeting, please call (510) 538-4563 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.

Self-Mutilators Anonymous (SMA) Sonoma County: 2nd & 4th Tues, 7:30-8:30pm in Petaluma. This is a closed meeting. Please call (707) 528-9216 for info.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Thurs of each month at 7 pm in Oakl. Info/location: (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Davey (510) 235-6657.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month. Drop-in, self-facilitated group open to any bisexual, questioning or bifriendly woman. For location & other info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Support/Social Group meets alternate Thurs in Mill Valley. Infi: Marilena 381-8865.

WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Intergenerational Relationships Between Lesbians: Lesbians who are or have been in a relationship with a woman 15 years younger or older than themselves are invited to submit personal narratives & photos for an anthology on intergenerational relationships between lesbians. Send SASE for guidelines to Pat Rutherford/Stacy Saetta, 3060 Porter St #31, Soquel, CA 95073. Deadline: 1/1.

1993 March on Washington Proposal Requests accepted from trades & business people for merchandise & other production items related to the march. Proposals should include detailed descriptions, copies of past work, proposal mock-up, name, adress & phone or fax, and a timeline. Send to: March on Washington, 1012 14th St, Ste 705, Washington, DC 20005.

Anything That Moves, *Beyond the Myths of Bisexuality,* a quarterly magazine by, for & about bisexuals, seeks feature articles, fiction, poetry, cartoons & photos for an upcoming issue on spirituality. Send SASE to 2404 California St #24, SF 94115 for giudelines, call 564-2226 for other info.

This Is Me Project seeks biographies & drawings from children of gay & lesbian parents. Guidelines: Kids ages 5-13, biological, foster or adopted. Subjects: Parents, friends, pets, school, life. Label drawings. Send SASE to This is Me Project, 266 21st Ave, #205, SF CA 94121.

We Shall Overcome, a fundraising anthology for ACT UP/Network, seeks submissions reflecting any type of creativity around AIDS activism—poetry, prose, excerpts, quotes, newspaper clippings, photos, journal entries, etc. Send to: ACT UP/Network, 8283 ¼ B Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90046 or call

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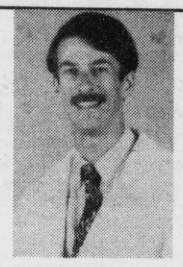

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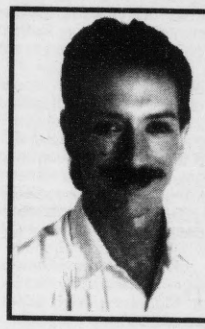

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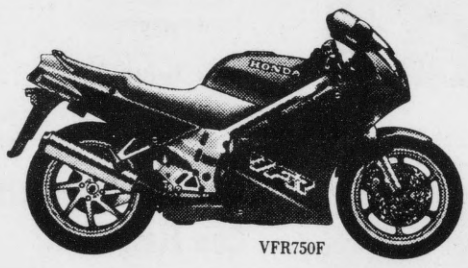

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AY! Magazine seeks essays, art work, poetry & short stories by and/or about the Latina/Latino lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender community. Submissions to: AY! Magazine, 72 Gough St, Ste 6, SF 94102. Deadline: 12/7.

QUEER FM radio show starting in January on KCSF 90.9 FM cableradio (Viacom channel 25) at SF City College seeks music in any form from out bisexual, lesbian, gay & transgender people. For info call 239-3444 Mon-Fri 8 am-4 pm or send SASE to KCSF, attn Michael Stark, 50 Phelan Ave, SF 94112. 24-hr fax: 239-3694.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night! 6-10 pm every night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 2nd Sun of the month. Models provided. $7 fee. Info/location: 252-8514.

Men's Figure Drawing Salon: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.

Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.

Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.

Like to read? Talk about books? Come to an informal monthly potluck brunch & reading discussion group for women. For info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

Melanie DeMore in concert for her new album, "Share My Song" in downtown Oakland on Dec. 6. See Calendar for details.

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Solstice Dance and Music Benefit for "Coconut," a radical feminist musical fable by Adele Prandini, on Dec. 5. Calendar has info.

Christopher Durang's "Baby With the Bathwater," a play about a family beyond dysfunctional, at Above Brainwash Theatre. Check OnStage for details.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm, Sun 2-8 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & life-styles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau:

addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.
SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.
Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.
California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.
Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.
Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.
The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Codependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.
Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.
AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).
SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.
SF Youth Line: 752-2000
SF Drug Line: 752-3400.
Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.
Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.
Ritual Abuse Survivors: "Empowerment Through Writing," monthly support group for women, using writing as a medium to share our lives as survivors. Free. Info: (510) 534-9928.
Ritual Abuse Survivors (RAS) Group: Group for women & men. Open discussion of all aspects of RA experience. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Jennie 648-0347.
Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: 839-8844.
Support Group for Lesbian Partners & Close Friends of Childhood Sexual Abuse Survivors: Provides space for personal issues, while recognizing the overall societal context of oppression. Not a 12-Step group. Non-facilitated, group members determine group focus. Info: Suzanne 826-1113.
Incest Survivor Group for Lesbians: 2nd phase group for lesbians who identify as survivors of incest & childhood sexual abuse, and have completed a 1st phase group. This group focuses on sexuality. Participants must be in individual therapy simultaneously. Spons by Operation Concern. For info/interview appt call Alesia Kunz, MFCC 626-7000, Mondays, 1:30-3 pm. SL fee.
Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.
Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.
Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.
Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.
Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.
Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.
Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.
For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.
Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking coparenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.
Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.
Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.
Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.
Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.
Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.
Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.
Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.
Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.
Support Group for Non-Biological, non-legal, "other" mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mother; or who feel in danger of not being allowed to see their children. Eastbay location. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311.
FOCUS: (Focus on Children Under Siege), see Political.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.
United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.
Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.
Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.
Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.
Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.
MAS (Multiracial African Support) Group by & for mixed-heritage "queers" who are proudly part African. MUST BE respectful/accepting of transsexuals, gays & bisexuals. Write: MAS, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990.
Nadlehs of Woda'abe: Support group by and for Native Americans with African blood who are equally proud of both cultures. Accepting of/respectful to transsexuals, bisexuals, gays, etc. Contact: Nadlehs of Woda'abe or N.W. #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.
Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.
CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.
GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.
AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.
Latin Lesbians of the Eastbay: Monthly mtgs just to socialize. Call Gloria (510) 530-3473 for info/location.
Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Anna 334-5040 for more information.
Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.
Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.
Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.
Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

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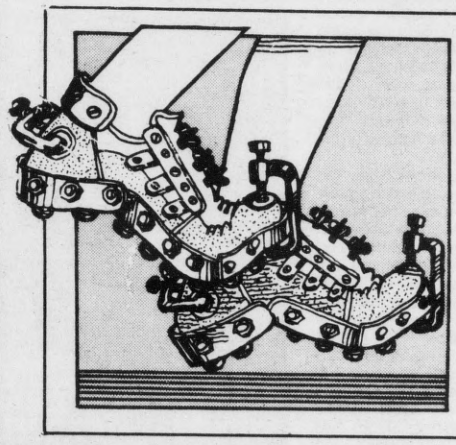

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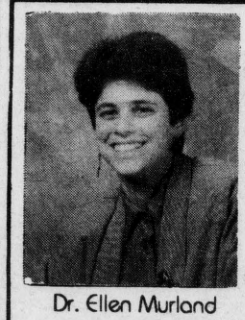

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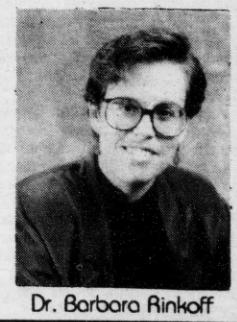

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Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For info write ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114 for call (510) 428-0179.
African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to gay/bisexual men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.
African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.
Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.
Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.
BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.
Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.
Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.
Female to Male Pre-Op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color. See Transgender Groups.
Theater Writing Class for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people of color. Ongoing, see Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.
Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.
VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.
Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.
The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.
Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.
Lesbian Chamber Musicians Group for lesbians interested in exploring chamber music by women of the past & music by women living today; preparing house concerts of women's music; and holding informal evenings for reading traditional chamber music. Info: Anne 661-3886.
Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble meets wkly in the Eastbay. Group committed to creativity & fun! Rehearsals on Thurs eves or Sun afternoon, instrumentalists of all types & abilities are encouraged. Info: 1-(800) 999-6795.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.
Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.
Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.
Bi-Monthly Women Writers Support Group for serious novelists who are published, or seeking publication. Not to show work, but to provide a supportive environment, share news, angst & ideas about "the (writer's) life." Info: Margo 666-3026.
Women's Writing Group in pursuit of Wild Mind meets weekly for freewriting as well as critiquing. For location, times & other info call 824-9608.
Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311 or Marion (510) 208-3241 for details.
Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).
Sistah Boom, a mostly lesbian of color percussion band playing Afro-Brazilian/Caribbean rhythms at Gay Pride, pro-choice & anti-war events, seeks women of color, lesbian-feminist identified, musically-inclined & committed to unlearning racism work, to jam with one of the hottest percussion ensembles around. Info: Kay (510) 654-3360 or Adalia (510) 601-6844 (6-8 pm).
SF Fringe Riders: Bay Area's only women's country western performance dance troupe welcomes new members. Info: Wendy (510) 525-5912. For mailing list inclusion call Lilia (510) 271-5916.
LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.

► POLITICAL

Outrage! San Francisco. Predominantly queer activist/direct action group devoted to exposing & opposing all forms of oppression. Operated by telephone networking & phone bank. Mtgs organized & called when needed around specific issues. To join, suggest an action, phone bank or attend a mtg call & leave your name & number on the Queer Line: 985-7141.
IRATE Anti-Bashing Project: Devoted to eliminating violence against the queer community by any means necessary. Also examines issues around violence, lateral aggression & internalized homophobia. Offers self-defense options & awareness. IRATE (Irked Radicals Addressing Terrorism thru Empowerment) is an affinity group of Outrage! SF. Info: 985-7141.
Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. Group meets every Wed at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 7:30 pm. For info call the Queer Line 985-7141 or write QN, Box 34, 3543 18th St, SF CA 94110.
Transgender Nation: A focus group within Queer Nation fighting specifically for transgender rights, within the general struggle for queer rights. Group meets Wed at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.
Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.
Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.
Queers for Cuba works to build solidarity btwn Cuba's struggle to survive as a sovereign socialist nation & our struggles for social justice here. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94100.
ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.
GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.
GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. **BiPol:** bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.
Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.
Pallas Athena Network: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bimonthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.
WHAM!/Bay Area: Women's Health Action & Mobilization, a women's direct action group committed to promoting women's health, securing & defending women's right to control our own bodies & have access to free community controlled healthcare for all women. Meets alternate Mon, 7 pm, at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. All women who believe healthcare is political are welcome. Call 985-7141.
FOCUS (Focus on Children Under Siege) sees a future where children are no longer physically, emotionally or sexually abused. Monthly mtgs held 7-9 pm at Hayward Public Library, 835 "C" Street, Hayward. Info: (510) 449-4230 or (510) 449-9663.
Stonewall Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic pollitics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Ralph Payne 929-1591.

Eastbay Gay & Lesbian Commmittee for Clinton-Gore Campaign meets Wed at 7:30 pm. For info/location call Mark (510) 428-2333 or Therese (510) 524-0540.
Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.
Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Task Force of the Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission meets 1st Mon of each month at 5:30 pm in the County Bldg, 70 West Hedding St, lower level, San Jose. Info: Paul Wysocki (408) 275-9211.
The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.
1993 March on Washington Northern California (North Bay) Committee meets every two weeks to coordinate media, outreach, fundraising & other work. All-volunteer staff. Call David Bartlett 626-8016 for more info or to get involved. You're needed!
Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and National Men's Attitudinal Survey. For info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.
Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.
Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.
Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.
G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.
Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.
United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.
Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.
Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.
BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.
Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.
St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.
Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.
UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.
Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.
Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.
Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.
Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.
Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.
Palo Alto Lesbians & Gay Men meet monthly for potlucks in member homes. All ages, both sexes, singles, couples & multiracial welcome! Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.
Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.
Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.
Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.
Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics: mid-twenties breakdown, generation identity, PC, activism, Bradys, etc. SF location. Info: 252-9097.
Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.
Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.
Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.
East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.
New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.
East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.
Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.
Fat Fridays: Schmoozing at Cafe Commons, 3161 Mission St, SF. 1st & 3rd Fridays. All fat dykes and fat queer womyn welcome! Info: Susan (510) 658-3300.
Older Single Dykes Social Group: Social activies, friendship, networking & support in an alcohol, drug, s/m, smoke & perfume-free environment; for dyke-centered lesbians over 40. Dyke separatists especially welcome. Info: (510) 482-0635.
Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.
Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.
Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men,

Mango Jam in concert Dec. 4 at the Women's Bldg. for a benefit for women with AIDS. Calendar has info. Photo by Irene Young

gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.

Zen in the Castro: Hartford Street Zen Center is a Zen Buddhist temple & AIDS hospice. Join us. Learn Zazen, Zen meditation. Info/appt: 861-6779.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea (510) 370-0545 or Jeff (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 6:30 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7:30 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or Deacon Joel Daniels 864-3868.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of Christians gathered together as local Bible-believing assembly. Lesbian/gay positive outreach. Focus on sharing the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ with our community & to enourage one another in "the faith once delivered unto the saints." Worship & praise service on Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Tues eve sharing & study of God's Word at Dolores St Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF at 7:30 pm. For more into write PO Box 14462, SF 94114-4462 or call 647-0184.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley: Friendly neighborhood & community church. Emphasis on liturgy, preaching, music, social activities. Rev Armand Kreft, vicar; Rev Karen Siegriedt, deacon. Solemn Mass at 10 am, Sun. 455 Fair Oaks St, btwn 25th & 26th, Dolores & Gurrero, SF. Info: 824-5142.

St John the Evangelist Church. Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Entrance on Julian. Info: 861-1436.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.

The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.

Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics & friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 100 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.

Prayer & Support Group for Hispanic, gay & lesbian Catholics, spons by Dignity/SF, meets every 7:30 pm every 2nd Fri of the month for prayer at Dolores Street Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Dignidad/SF Catolicos gay y lesbiana de habla hispana se reunen para apoyo y oraciones el segundo viernes de cada mes 7:30 pm en Dolores St Church 16 y Dolores. Info: Jaime 252-7623.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St (18th & Diamond, in the Castro), SF. Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 7:30 & 10 am. Weekdays 8 am & 5:30 pm. Outreach to lesbians & gay men, AIDS support group. All welcome. Info: 863-6259.

Noe Valley Ministry: An inclusive community. Worship service: 10 am Sun. 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 282-2317.

Peace United Church: Liberal Protestant church; small & caring community, creative worship gatherings. Sensitive to social & political justice issues. Two lesbian ministers. Worship service Sun at 5 pm; Monte Vista Ave at Oakland Ave, in back of Plymouth UCC, Oakland. Info: (510) 486-0625. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible.

GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Emerge!, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

Gay Religious Science Practitioner in final stage of formal training offers free scientific mind treatments in loving & non-dogmatic context. Call Robert Lokahi 832-7120.

Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.

California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.

Marin Course in Miracles Group meets Tues 7-9:30 pm to discuss how the Course works in our lives. For location & other info call Bob 456-1108.

Aquarian Foundation: Church dedicated to God, individual rights, psychical research & spiritual miracles. Sun worship service at 11 am, spiritual psychic readings demonstrated. Spiritual healing services Wed at 8 pm.

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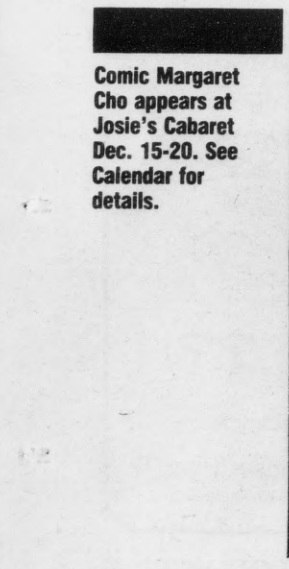
2250 Taraval St, SF. Info: Rev Jann Werner 661-3622.
Gay Clergy Support Group for professed clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious & clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

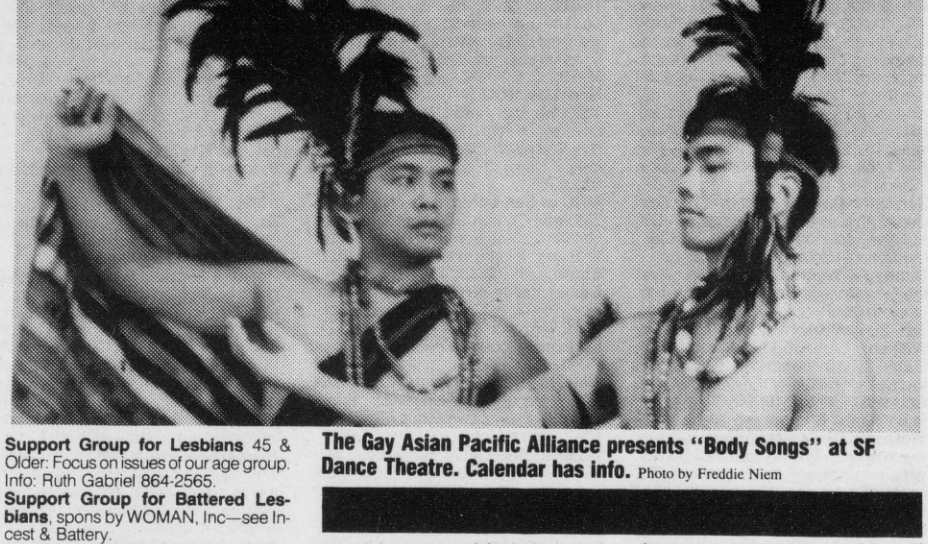
Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.
SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.
Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.
Baylands Frontrunners: For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto; and every Wed at noon at the stretching bars, Angell Field, Stanford University. For info call Linda (408) 226-5966 or Jay (415) 858-2800.
SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.
Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular 40-mile ride each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.
X-TA-C Cross Country Ski Club spons 1-day and wkend ski trips to various locations in Northern Calif. All levels of skiing ability are welcome. Monthly potlucks held during the ski season. Info: 330-5485.
Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info call 721-4299.
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.
0**Wilderness Women** explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.
Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.
SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.
Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also check Main Calendar.
Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.
Northern Calif Rainbow Divers, Gay & Lesbian Diving Club. North coast dives, certification classes, social events & warm water dives. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.
Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.
Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.
Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.
Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.
Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.
SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.
Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.
Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 626-5427 x2.
SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.
Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Keno Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 695-0735.
Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.
Hand to Hand Martial Arts: Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.
PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.
Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.
BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.
ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.
Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.
Outdoor Activities Group: Meet for biking,hiking, camping, boating, etc. Dogs welcome! Info/details: Jo Ann 986-4507.
Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.
East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players soical group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.



Comic Margaret Cho appears at Josie's Cabaret Dec. 15-20. See Calendar for details.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Tues of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.
Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.
Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.
Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.
Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.
Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.
Women with Chronic Illnesses, disabilities, pain & hidden disabilities support group: Leaderless & egalitarian, emphasis on honesty, humor, listening. Share resources, problems, challenges, fears with others who understand. Mtg every other Wed in SF. Free. Call Leigh 285-8535.
Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.
Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.
Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.
Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.
Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).
Leaderless Support Group for Lesbians Over 40: Diverse, ongoing group welcomes new members. This is not a coming out or therapy group. Meets Mon eves, 7-9, in SF. Info: Barbara 552-9271 or Eugenia 431-6996.
Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.
Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.



The Gay Asian Pacific Alliance presents "Body Songs" at SF Dance Theatre. Calendar has info. Photo by Freddie Niem

Support Group for Lesbians 45 & Older: Focus on issues of our age group. Info: Ruth Gabriel 864-2565.
Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.
Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 431-8146.
Working Class Lesbian Support Group: Group uses writing as a medium for sharing. No writing experience necessary. Meets wkly. Free. Info/location: (510) 534-9928.
Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.
Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.
Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.
Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: Wayne (510) 427-4077.
Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Suicide: Support group for lesbians & gay men who have lost someone they loved to suicide. Info: Karen (510) 841-6553.
Fasting Support Group for Gay/Bi people. Meets weekly in San Mateo. Free. New fasters are welcome! Call Richard 573-8124 for info/location.
Society of Janus: nonprofit, non-gender or orientation specific group explores consensual non-exploitative dominance/submission, sadomasochism, bondage & discipline relationships. For info write PO Box 426794, SF 94142 or call 985-7177.
Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.
Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4659 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.
For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.
Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.
Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.
Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.
12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.
For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!
Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618
Flikker Network: Network by, for & about FTM/TSs who identify as gay or bisexual men ONLY. For more info write to Flikker Network, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.
SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.
Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.
Female to Male Pre-op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color only: Biweekly mtgs. Friendly, warm & open to gay, bi & straight pre-op FTMs of color. Contact RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990, attn FPSG.
Living Full Time: Support Group for anyone living full time in the gender opposite that of birth. To attend, you must be living full-time. Group meets 3 Fri a month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.
Transgender Nation: Focus group of Queer Nation, see Political.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. Offices located in the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 703-6150.
QYA (Queer Youth Alliance): Gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth center. 24-hr hotline. Daily events, HIV-positive groups. For queer youth 25 yrs of age or younger. Call 750-3225.
BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.
California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.
Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.
Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.
BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.
LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.
Support Group for Young Women of Color: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon- Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.
GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program). For teens in the San Mateo area who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or questioning and want a positive & supportive place to explore individual or family concerns. Info: Josefa 342-5216. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA.
12-Week Process Group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people, 17-21. Place to explore trust, self-image, relationships, coming out & other issues in a small, safe & confidential group setting. Info: Josefa 342-5216. Spons by GALTIP of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA.
Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.
Young Lesbians: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283
Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.
Young men's rap group for gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning men 23 & under meets Fri 7-9 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.
Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.
Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.

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Toronto punk band Fifth Column (l-r): Caroline Azar and G.B. Jones. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

She's A Rebel

P J HARVEY
Slim's, Nov. 24

It was love at first listen for me after hearing the English band P J Harvey's debut CD, *Dry* (Indigo/Island). Make no mistake: Polly Harvey is a woman in control of her artistic destiny. The first thing you notice about Harvey is her anti-glamorous stance: no makeup, bushy eyebrows, a direct gaze, unisex clothing, and those gender-cloaking initials. The fact that this kind of image subversion could be rewarded with a major label deal gives credence to the theory of evolution.

The songs on *Dry* are even more striking. Harvey lays bare various facets of her subjects, from raw emotions to the vulnerability of the female body, then sets it to a rock beat. More intriguingly, she takes on different viewpoints, switching genders at will. My efforts to chart pronoun usage were frustrated by the lack of a lyric sheet and the production mix, but suffice to say, she's sexually ambiguous. "Stella Marie, you're my star," she sings in "Stella," continuing, "I pin you to my breast."

On both "Dress" and "Sheela-Na-Gig," Harvey is concerned with defying convention. "Must be a way I can dress to please him," she ponders acidly in "Dress," the words at once angry and liberating. Harvey's vocals traverse a range of feelings, sometimes within one song, as on "Water," which shifts moods abruptly from a plea to a demand mid-song. This change is reflected in the sound of her voice: alternately an aching yearning and an acid sharpness.

But what surprises Harvey had for us in her show at Slim's on Nov. 24! Smiling placidly as she sang and played guitar, she confidently led her two bandmates through some rip-snorting rock 'n' roll. I had finagled my way up front so I could look right up her nostrils into those blazing green eyes. As she moved into "Sheela-Na-Gig," I heard the women around me singing along: "Look at these my child-bearing hips. Look at these, my ruby red, ruby lips. Look at these my workstrong arms. You've got to see my bottle full of charm..." The sound was rock, but the response was more familiar to folk and womyn's music type crowds. I liked it. Perhaps this was the dawning of another kind of women's music.

Or maybe not so different. "Mansized" had my ears burning, as I distinctly heard her sing through the guitar haze about "my girl." This song and several others, such as "Me Jane" and "Revenge of the 50 Foot Queenie," will appear on her second album, set to be recorded later this month. At 22, she's just beginning.

WHERE THE GIRLS ARE

Shona Laing put on a more subdued show than Harvey at Slim's on Nov. 19. Laing, a singer/songwriter from New Zealand, made much of her opposition to nuclear weapons and the inability of "civilized society" to prioritize correctly. Her alternative radio hit, "Glad I'm Not a Kennedy," is her main claim to fame, but her new release, *New on Earth* (Epic), hits hard, too. Her delivery reminds me of Melissa Etheridge, but with a political edge. Particularly fine is the searing cut "White Water".

The Toronto punk band **Fifth Column** also cut a fine swaggering figure at the Chameleon on Nov. 25. Taking the do-it-youself ethic to heart, the "97.7 percent gay" band snuck across the border disguised as Christians, according to lead singer Caroline Azar. In their SF debut, Azar played frontwoman, while the infamous G.B. Jones concentrated mostly on her guitar throughout the 11-song set of poppy punk. Azar tried in vain to pull Tribe 8 singer Lynn Breedlove up on stage to sing, but the wiry Breedlove slipped back into the crowd. Still, there was a local angle, with SF's own Donna Dresch, now a semi-permanent member, on guitar and as the recipient of her very own tribute song. The goofy "Donna" and its ferocious flip-side "All Women Are Bitches" (K Records) make for a fine introduction for the uninitiated to this band's charms.

Also debuting in our town was fellow Canadian **Loreena McKennitt**, who appeared Nov. 21 at the Great American Music Hall to a sold-out

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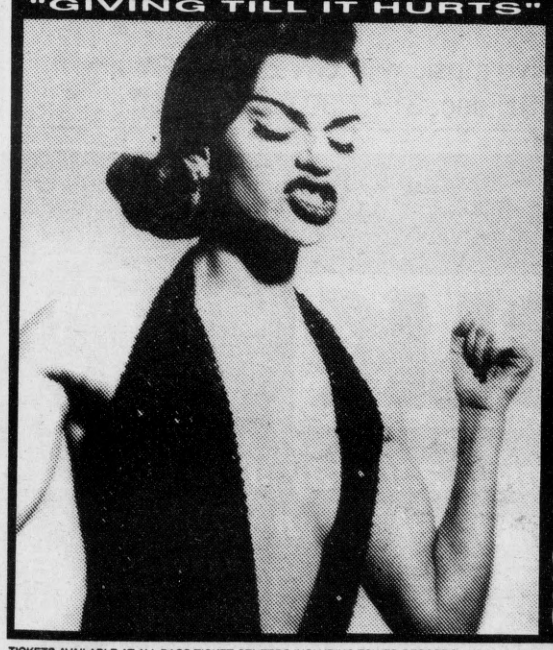

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house of avid followers. By the looks of it, lesbians have picked up on her peculiar blend of Celtic sources and new age sounds. I certainly appreciated the heartfelt love songs to women (courtesy of lyricists Tennyson, Yeats, et al.). With the harp as her instrument of choice and her pale ethereal looks, McKennitt looks like she stepped out of a Gothic romance, but she displayed a down-to-earth style and dry sense of humor.

During the two sets, McKennitt and her eclectic band (including cellist Anne Bourne, who's played with Jane Siberry) entranced the crowd with material culled in part from her American debut, *The Visit* (WB). McKennitt makes frequent trips to the old sod to pick up lost traces of Celtic culture. She also has a spiritual bent, having scored Donna Read's *The Burning Times* for the National Film Board.

The Goddess was shining on **Parker and Klein**, who were wickedly on target in their recently closed comedy show at Josie's. In one skit, they tried to "in" their blatantly queer audience. I was in fact forced to cover my tell-tale short locks with a frizzy wig, a look Parker insisted was really me. Nice try, girls.

AARIN BURCH
Eye Gallery, Nov. 28

Aarin Burch's program of films by lesbians of color brought out the most beautiful audience I've seen in a long time—the place was packed with women, and many were turned away outside. Nine short films were on the bill, including works by Burch and Pratibha Parmar. "We're all family here," said Burch, whose *Club Q* brought forth many an appreciative whoop. A brief shot of a photo of the late Audre Lorde in another film prompted a round of applause. Ah, memories....

A different sort of lesbian aesthetic was on view in Cheryl Dunye's hilarious and perceptive work in progress, *The Potluck and the Passion*. Starring Dunye as the reluctant hostess of an anniversary potluck, the film assembles a motley cast of lesbian "types," who bring with them their own hangups, quirks and issues, turning the dinner into a soap opera. It's obviously a low budget affair, but the finished product should be something special.

Humor also gave great appeal to Dawn Suggs' *I Never Danced the Way Girls Were Supposed To*, a mock look at how lesbians live. Sharon Bridgforth, writer of *Shadows...That Which Is Cast Aside*, about AIDS in the African-American community, made an appearance to read the poem "Home." She and Burch will be collaborating on an upcoming film. Burch, who was pleased by the turnout and response to the program, said of the forthcoming film, "I want the piece to have lesbian sex and be steamy and passionate." Stay tuned.

ENDNOTES...

Dec. 4 brings the WORLD benefit for women with HIV at the Women's Building. In addition to a panel discussion and the unveiling of the WORLD quilt, there will be a safe sex demonstration (a big hit last year) and a performance by the women's salsa band Mango Jam. Also that day, Georgia folk troubadour Kristen Hall returns to our coast with a show at the Starry Plough.

Seattle western swing band Ranch Romance rides back into town with an appearance on KPFA's West Coast Weekend Dec. 5 and a show at the Freight and Salvage Dec. 12. Folkie Shawn Colvin plays the Great American Music Hall Dec. 11 and Dec. 12. On the latter date 10,000 Maniacs play the Berkeley Community Theater. And again the Celebration of Craftswomen holds sway at Fort Mason the weekends of Dec. 12-13 and Dec. 19-20. In addition to the goods, expect entertainment from June and Jean Millington, Rashida Oji, Judith Kate Friedman, and Gwen Avery. Fun, fun, fun! ✿

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classics

BY CHING CHANG

Adams' "Death of Klinghoffer" & Britten's "Midsummer Night's Dream" At the SF Opera

It is somewhat ironic that the SF Opera chose to celebrate the publication of David Littlejohn's book *The Ultimate Art: Essays Around and About Opera* on the opening night of John Adams' *The Death of Klinghoffer*, which received its West Coast opening at the War Memorial. Littlejohn devotes a sizeable chapter in his just-released opus to a rather formidable argument against Peter Sellers, who directed this premiere staging of Adams' opera.

His criticism of Sellers' eclectic productions is quite valid, and I find them closely echoing my own. Despite the alleged respect he has for a composer's score, Peter Sellers doesn't seem to trust the music and is always placing theatricality and shock value (for its own sake) above all other considerations. Anyone who is well acquainted with the trio of Mozart/Da Ponte operas cannot possibly have taken his highly publicized productions as anything more than pretentious spoofs, entertaining as they may have been. Nevertheless, while I feel Sellers' modern dress operas usually amount to little more than the exploitation of a composer's score for personal gain and notoriety, I would readily give Sellers more credit than would Littlejohn, because Sellers at least might spark an initial interest and curiosity in people who have never been exposed to Mozart's operas, or even operas altogether.

Based on the *Achille Lauro* incident, where the wheelchair-bound Leon Klinghoffer was shot and thrown overboard by Palestinian hijackers, *The Death of Klinghoffer* is composed almost like an oratorio, with a noncontinuous plot interspersed with several choruses. I couldn't decide if the score was modern or just plain disjointed in the first act, but the second act yielded some powerful music, especially the lamentations delivered by Sheila Nadler, a true contralto, in the role of Marilyn Klinghoffer.

The Death of Klinghoffer did not come across poorly; however, because of the great anticipa-

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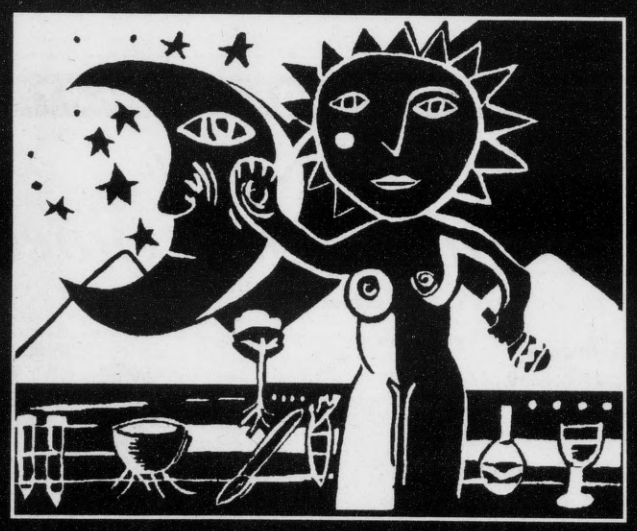

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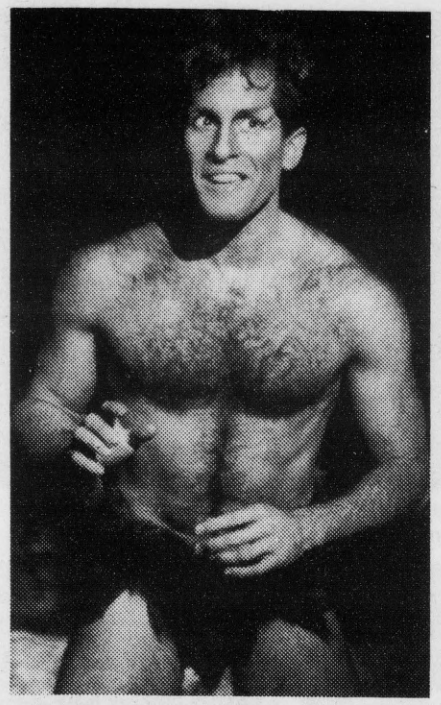

John Allee as Puck in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at SF Opera. Photo by Marty Sohl

tion afforded to the production, it failed to quite meet all expectations. One might have thought that contemporary operas would be the ideal vehicle for Sellers' antics, but such wasn't quite the case in this production. Since Sellers' style has relied so heavily in the past on contradicting the conventional and accepted intents of a piece, his direction here seemed quite ordinary. In this contemporary production it seemed as if Sellers had run out of ideas, and couldn't figure out how to be his usual outrageous self. Most of the memorable action on stage was left to Mark Morris' articulate choreography, performed by his own ensemble, the Mark Morris Dance Group.

Possibly the best offering of the SF Opera season, Benjamin Britten's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* received a wonderful reception at its opening last month. One of the more successful adaptations of Shakespeare into opera, the libretto, concocted by Britten and his lover, tenor Peter Pears, remains word-by-word the most faithful to the Bard's originals. As it is often pointed out that Shakespeare's poetry needs no further musical treatment—hence the ineffectiveness of many adaptations of Shakespeare into opera—Britten cleverly makes the role of Puck a speaking one, giving the opera audience not only an occasional break from song, but also a serving of the play's best poetry, delivered in proper and elegant declamation.

With the play's magical qualities thus enhanced, Britten expertly sets the mood from the very opening bars with the mysterious cello glissandi, which dissolves into the luminous singing of a choir of fairies (sung by members of several boys' choirs in the Bay Area). Britten composed very elaborate, unusually melodic music for Titania (the queen who becomes enamored of an ass), and in her SF Opera debut, Sylvia McNair sang with limpid, soaring tones, leaping into upper registers with grace and ease.

The crucial speaking role of Puck was portrayed with relish by the hunky actor John Allee, whose part received very athletic and acrobatic treatment under John Copley's direction. In his most important role with the company so far, Brian Asawa—the first countertenor to become an Adler Fellow at the SF Opera—did an acceptable job as Oberon, the fairy king, but I was hoping for a somewhat greater range of interpretation, which he has proven in the past he is capable of. The parody of a play-within-a-play (or opera-within-an-opera), performed by the rustics was delightfully campy.

Originally mounted at the National Arts Centre of Canada's Festival Ottawa in 1978, this production is new to San Francisco, and will receive additional performances Dec. 4, 6, 10, and 12, at the War Memorial. Call the Opera for tickets, (415) 864-3330. ✿

food

BY WILLIAM FINKLE

Affordable American Classics

Once a week my Granma Anne goes to Beulah's Beauty Salon in Los Angeles. I love the name Beulah; it connotes strength, comfort and a helluva shampoo-set. Totally unrelated, and perhaps of more interest to hungry readers, is Bellas' Bistro, the latest incarnation of restaurants in the space below Cafe San Marcos. Bellas', named for the two beautiful women who own and run the bistro, should finally break the jinx of this location, a gold mine, what with all the foot traffic. The most recent venture, a noodles place, was reportedly "horrible," and the Singapore restaurant before that was apparently out of sync with local tastes. At long last, the Castro has an affordable, very worthwhile alternative to traveling to the smart eateries we frequent in the Civic Center.

Chef/owner Colleen Spiers and her partner Sally Steinbaum, who runs the business end, threw together the bistro in just three weeks. These are common-sense, no-nonsense, very likable women, whose straightforward attitude comes across in their satisfying, attractive food. Steinbaum, who also owns the Sidetrack Cafe in Noe Valley, adapted the menu from that location to this one, while Spiers added her own copper pots and a griddle for pancakes to the kitchen. The dining room, decorated with dried hanging flowers and herbs, showcases a variety of original artwork. Nineteen-forties Big Band music mixes well with the decor: a casual wooden bar, comfortable oak chairs, and a dried-flower-wrapped stairway leading to the bathrooms provide an interesting, rustic atmosphere.

Bellas' dinner menu focuses on American classics, like Pot Roast, Pork Chops and Roasted Chicken. Subtle influences from France, China and Italy weave their way across the tempting list of dishes. A garlicky **Eggplant Caviar with Toast Points** ($6.50) is served chilled, and was smooth, lemony and delicious. An unusual appetizer, the **Mushroom Pate with Black Bean Sauce** ($5.95), brought finely chopped mushrooms, cooked and heavily spiced with soy, hoisin, and fermented black beans, with toasted bread—what a pleasant option to the heavier pates we so often see. The **Winter Salad** ($5.95) combined water chestnuts—a clever, crunchy touch—goat cheese, endive, slices of raw mushroom and pungent onion in a scallion vinaigrette. My favorite of all, though, was the **Hot Vegetable Salad** ($4.50), a soothing, ratatouille-like stew of eggplant, squashes, tomatoes, peppers and onions, tossed in a tangy Balsamic dressing, for the perfect fall salad.

A true **Rack of Lamb** ($10.95), cooked as ordered, came with two double chops and a mound of uninteresting vegetable couscous. **Oven Roasted Natural Chicken** ($8.75), two boneless breasts pan-roasted golden, were perched on garlicky, fabulous mashed potatoes, with pearl onions and shitake mushrooms in a somewhat bland white sauce. Hearty **Braised Osso Bucco** ($8.25) was the traditional dish of tender veal shank in a natural reduction sauce laced with chives, whole peppercorns and arborio rice. Entrees at such low prices are part of the reason Bellas' was opened. Comparable neighborhood dining spots seem seriously overpriced, while here, in a humble setting, prices are much more down to earth and the food doesn't suffer one bit.

The kitchen is trying to concentrate on creating more exciting desserts. I was pleased enough, though, after a big meal to sample the **Rhubarb-Peach-Strawberry Crisp**, a homestyle bake of oats, brown sugar and freshly frozen summer fruits. We had to try the **Harlequin Cake**, too, a rich-as-can-be, fine quality chocolate layering of flourless chocolate cake, with white and dark chocolates.

With surprisingly low prices, clean-cut food, and cordial service, Bellas' can be added to our short list of dining spots in the Castro. Occasional menu misspellings (*beurre* blanc, not buree) and trifling misses in the sauces or in plating are forgiven easily, when you consider the youth of the bistro, and the overall success of other dishes.

New dyke management comes to the space below Cafe San Marcos: Colleen Spiers and Sally Steinbaum, owners of Bellas' Bistro.

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AROUND TOWN

Hand to Hand, a holiday food festival benefitting Project Open Hand, will happen Sunday, Dec. 20 in the Grand Ballroom of the San Francisco Marriott. This is San Francisco's first family-oriented AIDS benefit, with 75 Bay Area restaurants lending chefs and products in an array of cooking demonstrations, ice carving and baking. Kids of all ages will enjoy the admission prices: $5 in advance, $7.50 at the door, children under 12 enter *free*. On sale will be specialty food items, created just for the event. Jams, preserves, chocolate toy soldiers and other treats handmade by the experts will be sold for a song. This is one charity event not to miss.

I had been craving enchiladas for days when I spotted **Amigo's** (on 17th Street between Noe and Sanchez), a newish taqueria replacing another failed greasy spoon. Thank goodness. Amigo's makes a pretty mean burrito, nothing beyond what we see everywhere else, but their tamales and enchiladas deserve mention. Prepared to order, the enchiladas are bathed in a dark, spicy sauce ringing with the flavors of Mexico. Tamales taste of sweet corn and the Mission district. Superior guacamole and salsa adorn most plates, for a fresh touch.

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BY GENE PRICE

The Baltimore Waltz

I am of mixed opinion regarding playwright Paula Vogel's new play at the Magic Theatre, *The Baltimore Waltz*. (Vogel was last known for the play *And Baby Makes Seven*, a 1986 Theatre Rhino production.) Her program notes offered a brief explanation of her subject matter, but the play confused this reviewer through the first several quick-change scenes.

Her notes read: "In 1986, my brother Carl invited me to join him in a joint excursion to Europe. Due to pressure of time and money, I declined, never dreaming that he was HIV-positive... He died on January 9, 1988."

In a sterile-white set with tall, billowing curtains suggestive of a hospital setting, we are introduced to Anna (Anne Darragh) and her brother Carl (Rick Hickman). Anna, a teacher, has been diagnosed with Acquired Toilet Disease, contracted from her first graders' toilet seat when she didn't have time to go to the adults' restroom. Her brother, a gay librarian, who has just been fired by the San Francisco Public Library, is perfectly healthy.

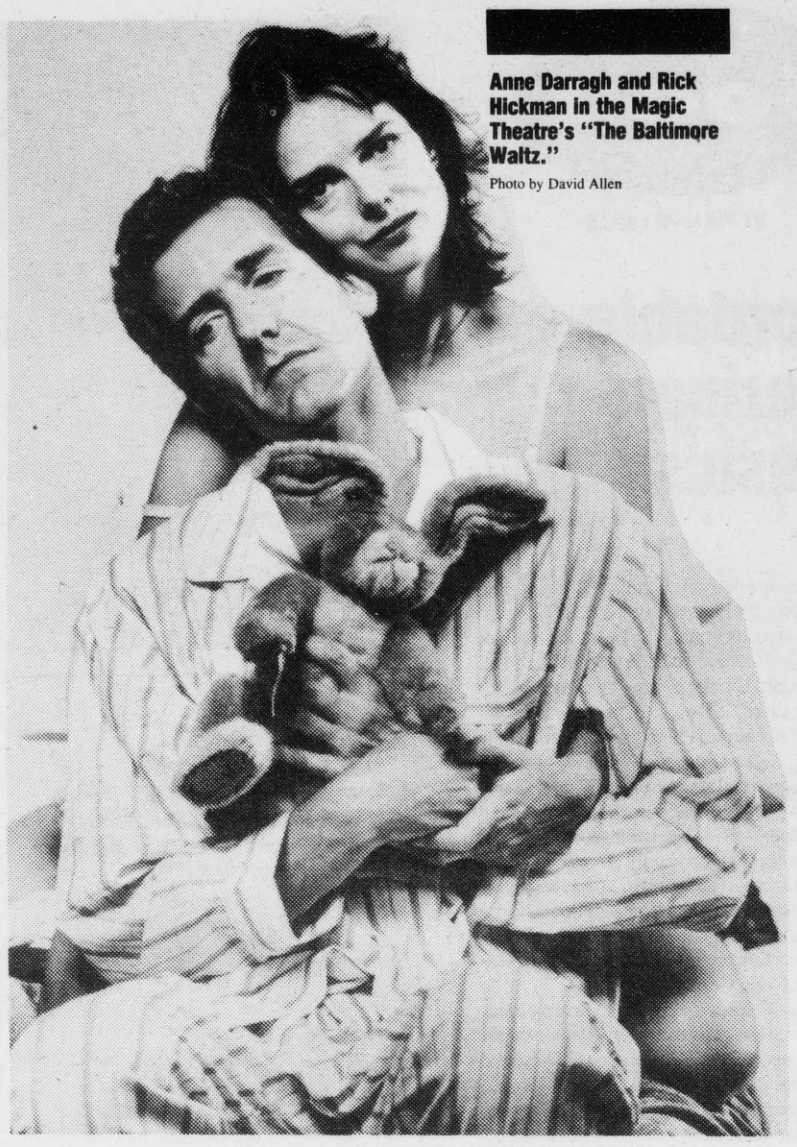
Faced with a terminal disease, Anna asks her brother to go to Europe with her to visit a Viennese doctor whose cure involves drinking one's own urine. Though she's been circumspect all her life, Anna decides to go out with flair. "I'm going to fuck my brains out." To Elizabeth Kubler-Ross' six-stage approach to death, she adds a seventh: Lust.

Brother and sister fly away to the capitals of Europe, innocently sharing the same beds, like they did when they were children. Seen through Anna's eyes, Europe is a series of movie cliches, and Carl, as he visits various museums, is never seen without his fuzzy, stuffed bunny, JoJo. Curiously, Carl is invariably followed by a trench-coated man also carrying a stuffed bunny. (Is this a sexual image or a reference to spy thrillers?) Anna, meanwhile, is busy laying—with much thrashing under the bedsheets—a series of stereotypical European men: a French waiter, a middle-aged blond Dutch boy in wooden shoes who recounts plugging his finger in a leaky dyke, and a black-leathered Teutonic hustler. The mysterious stranger following Carl then becomes Harry Lime to *The Third Man* theme, and later, the mad Viennese doctor in a fright wig with a gloved, withered, out-of-control arm (as in *Dr. Strangelove).*

Vogel's play defies serious analysis. As a journey to exorcise her grief it may well have served its purpose, but as an angry comedy on the theme of AIDS, it's macabre entertainment at best. Darragh and Hickman are finely attuned to roles that call for off-the-wall farce one moment and a sweet poignancy the next. Kurt Reinhardt as the third man (airport security guard, waiter, lover, mad doctor, Carl's shadower) delivers a remarkable array of broadly acted and accented characters. His ability to exit in one costume and fly in again moments later re-costumed and re-accented defines bravura performance.

Shevra Tait's set, Jeff Rowling's lighting, Kim Foscato's sound and Fumiko Bielefeldt's costumes contributed highly to a sleek production. Phyllis S.K. Look directed.

The Baltimore Waltz continues at the Magic Theatre through Dec. 20. Call 441-8822.



Anne Darragh and Rick Hickman in the Magic Theatre's "The Baltimore Waltz." Photo by David Allen

Danielle Willis' "Breakfast in the Flesh District": She will short-circuit your brain.

Rod Gnapp (l) and Charles Dean in the haunting drama "Mad Forest" at Berkeley Rep. Photo by Ken Friedman

Mad Forest

Mad Forest is the ancient name given to the swampy woodlands that once served as an impenetrable maze to the invading hordes from the steppes. It is the site of present day Bucharest, Romania.

It is also the name of the hauntingly graphic drama by Caryl Churchill at the Berkeley Repertory. With civil wars raging in Middle Europe, one couldn't experience a more "present tense" sense of history happening. Playwright Churchill, director Mark Wing-Davey and ten of his acting students visited Romania in 1990, shortly after the overthrow and execution of dictator Ceausescu, then returned to London to shape their material in a series of sharply etched dramatic vignettes.

Scenes are introduced by different actors reading a line in Romanian and then translating it into "chapter heading" English: "We wait for the trolley." Sparsely staged, with the simplest of furnishings and accessories to suggest place and time, Churchill's accounting of personal repression and national chaos is framed between two marriages, one from a working-class family, one from an upper-middle-class family. Like Edward Hopper's paintings, vignettes are harshly lighted, faces obscured in shadow.

The mood of poverty and paranoia is set when the audience first enters the theater through a rear door, bypassing the stage area, stepping over concrete rubble, passing single-file through dimly lighted passageways. It is a bomb-site prelude to the first scene.

A family sits in silence under a naked bulb. Cigarette smoke hangs in the air (as it does throughout much of the production). When one of the family speaks, the radio is turned up to drown out the conversation (eavesdropping neighbors, shadows against the door, may be state spies). Worker Bogdan (Charles Dean) smokes in silence, declining the Marlboro cigarette offered by daughter Lucia (Rana Haugen), who is engaged to an American, an act that has marked the family for Securitate surveillance. Lucia proudly reveals four black-market eggs. In silent frustration, Bogdan smashes one on the floor.

Bleakly realistic (and apprehensive with Pinteresque silences) a queue moves forward waiting to buy meat; earthy and humorous, a mother tries to pin the skirt of a wedding dress while the daughter fidgets; delightfully surrealistic, an elegant vampire (James Carpenter) converses with a shivering, talking dog (a naked J. Michael Flynn).

An abortionist pockets a bribe while loudly extolling the state's need for more babies; a priest bares his conscience; a wounded soldier shuffles through gray hospital corridors; a catatonic child (Rod Gnapp) is a shocking reminder of the Romanian orphanage problem; a lazy country picnic is punctuated with more Pinteresque silences; a wedding is climaxed with a handsomely choreographed melee. In one powerful sequence, the ensemble forms an oral history brigade to recite their first-hand recollections of the revolution. Who was firing on whom? Events, even as they are happening, are unclear and confused.

In addition to those actors already mentioned, the very fine cast, each of whom appeared in several of 30 roles, included Delia MacDougall, Sean Blackman, Penelope Kreitzer, Julia Fletcher, Andrew Mutnick and Matte Osian.

Special kudos to Marina Draghici for her moody set with the large Ceausescu portraits, to Peter Maradudin for his brilliant and imaginative lighting, and to Mark Bennett for a complex sound design that was as intimidating as it was violent.

In its many scenes, *Mad Forest* builds inexorably to a final question: How can people, long repressed and emerging from a revolution, sort through the chaos and come up with new and right decisions?

Mad Forest plays Tuesdays through Sundays through Dec. 20 at the Berkeley Repertory. Call (510) 845-4700.

Theater Briefs

A SNAKE IN THE VEIN

First produced by the Manhattan Class Company in 1990, a year after playwright Alan Bowne died of AIDS, *A Snake in the Vein* is currently a super-charged, riveting production under Steve Omlid's direction at the Theatre Rhino Studio.

It's a short play, gripping, but not particularly pleasant. (But dramatizing taboo subjects—incest and AIDS concentration camps—was Bowne's forte.)

Snake in the Vein throws two men together in a cell of a drug rehab clinic where ominous footsteps patrol the halls. J.J., a young punk rock musician (Loren Gosline-Churchill) is already breaking out into withdrawal sweats and is desperate to hang on, to fake control until he can gain his freedom. Man (Mikael Duden), a homosexual ex-schoolteacher, taunts his cellmate with coy dialogue spoken through his hand puppet. Desperate himself for a fix, Man reveals his stash of heroin to J.J. and promises him his own fix for services rendered. The homophobic J.J. recoils, assuming the favors to be sexual, but relents when he discovers that he only has to strip to his briefs, straddle Man's chest and administer a shot into the jugular, Man's only good remaining vein. Beyond bargaining, the freaked-out J.J. finds the throbbing jugular, shoots up Man and, in the chilling moment he watches Man's quiver of pleasure, learns that there is no honor among addicts.

Gosline-Churchill delivers a finely controlled performance of a strung-out, street-wise kid, and Duden slowly but surely builds a compelling performance of insidious manipulation.

A stark set, two jail cots, frame this war zone of dead-end mind games.

A Snake in the Vein plays Thursdays through Saturdays in the Theatre Rhinoceros Studio through Dec. 19. Call 861-5079.

A MAN'S A MAN

I am not familiar with Bertolt Brecht's original 1926 script for *Mann Ist Mann,* but in Eric Bentley's 1962 adaptation as performed by the Encore Theatre, it was a play-within-a-play set at an army induction training facility. Directed with almost cartoonish simplicity by Kenn Watt, Brecht's stark treatise on the individual's betrayal by the military machine was intellectually stimulating but, while it was happening, not very involving. Even so, if it's an Encore Production, you can rest assured it will not be boring.

In it, four inductees were directed to stage a play about a well-intentioned but naive Irish docker, Galy Gay, who steps out of his house to buy a fish and is conned by a three-man British army squad (their fourth man has turned up missing after robbing a temple) into joining up with them. Gullible Gay, who follows orders without questioning whether they're right or wrong, is stripped of self-identity, any vestiges of personality and individuality, and becomes the ultimate human fighting machine. Screaming militaristic "do-or-die" gibberish, he leads the charge against a Tibetan fortress.

Four actors played 16 characters. There was also a master of ceremonies (an army officer?) in a booth behind the audience who rang a buzzer when a scene change was required, who stated the intention of a scene and who conducted the action as though it were an exercise in improvisation. Actors broke character to start over, to change direction, to comment in asides, "What was my line?" Stephanie Hunt was the soldier, Jessie, Gay's wife and the ubiquitous Widow Begbick, looking much like camp follower Mother Courage. Michael Scott Ruan was the fearsome Sergeant Bloody Five and the soldier Jeriah Jip. Robert F. Keefe was the stereotypical comic Chinese Wang and the soldier Uriah. Randall Stuart, the open-faced innocent until he forfeits his identity to military heroism, played Galy Gay.

Jim Lively adapted five Kurt Weill songs (and added one of his own) to reinforce Brecht's satiric and bleak indictment of war.

The play itself was a noisy, helter-skelter, sometimes hard-to-follow series of scenes that were alternatively unfocused and remarkably pointed. One scene in which the soldiers were seated at a table and gave false testimony into a microphone was a chilling re-creation of almost any televised Senate hearing.

A Man's a Man ran its course and closed last weekend.

BREAKFAST IN THE FLESH DISTRICT

Danielle Willis is a sleek alley cat with a mane of coal-black hair who has lived more than nine lives in her travels through our sex clubs, dominatrix parlors, porn palaces, poetry readings and the transsexual bars of the Tenderloin. She will short-circuit your brain while she's expanding your consciousness.

Danielle's one-woman performance piece, *Breakfast in the Flesh District,* is directed by wonder woman Cintra Wilson, who assembled the material from Danielle's book *Dogs in Lingerie.* Letting the chips fall where they may, Danielle flays at society and at herself, neither explaining nor apologizing to anybody for her sex-positive pursuits of experience that have skimmed acid trips and Ecstasy nights, Satanism, elusive lesbian love, fantasies of vampiric fulfillment, and a spiked-heel attack on Artie Mitchell for his physical harassment of women in his employ.

I would doubt that political correctness is in Danielle's vocabulary, but no matter. As she charges through her midnight world, laying the whip to tired Peninsula businessmen, or cruising the bars for a breast to lay her own head against, this fascinating woman is one of a kind. In another century she'd have been the power behind the throne, the king's mistress at least, and indeed she may well have been.

Breakfast in the Flesh District continues at the Climate Theatre through Dec. 19 at 11:30 pm. Special "underground" guests will make their appearance during the holiday season and you can bet they won't be singing Christmas carols. Call 626-9196.

Encore Theatre's adaptation of Bertolt Brecht's "Mann Ist Mann": A satiric and bleak indictment of war.

GOOD GRIEF

Contrary to what you always thought, cartoon characters *do* grow up. At least they did in writer/director David Hockin's *Good Grief,* a short, somber piece that cast a jaundiced eye on what fate has in store for your favorite "Peanuts" people. The plot, not unlike *The Big Chill,* involved a reunion of childhood friends. The Modacrylic Productions' *Good Grief,* staged in the Mace Space for Art, featured a memorial service for Charlie Brown's sister, Sally, who committed suicide.

Among the mourners (which included the audience) were members of the "Peanuts" gallery, looking and acting much as they do in your daily paper, except here they were adults with adult problems. Linus (Flynn) and Schroeder (Richie Crippen) had become lovers. Freckle-faced Patty (Laurie Bushman) and Marcie (Katie Cronin) also had become lovers, though Marcie still called Patty "Sir," which left their sex life open to imaginative interpretation. The former little red-haired Frieda (Deena Davenport) had turned into a sexy star of soap opera, a boozer and a pill-popper.

Then there was buxom bitch Lucy (Leigh Crow, when she is not Elvis Herselvis), who married and made life hell for poor Charlie Brown. She was still carrying a torch for Schroeder, and having lost him to her brother did not make her a kinder, gentler person. As in any gathering of longtime friends, the veneer of politeness wore thin within minutes. Invective was flung, along with accusations and recriminations. An enraged Lucy charged through the mourners, out the door and onto the sidewalk of Pine Street, where she was heard to shriek: "Goddammit, I stepped in Frieda's puke."

Simply staged and well acted, *Good Grief* played to sold-out houses and closed. ✿

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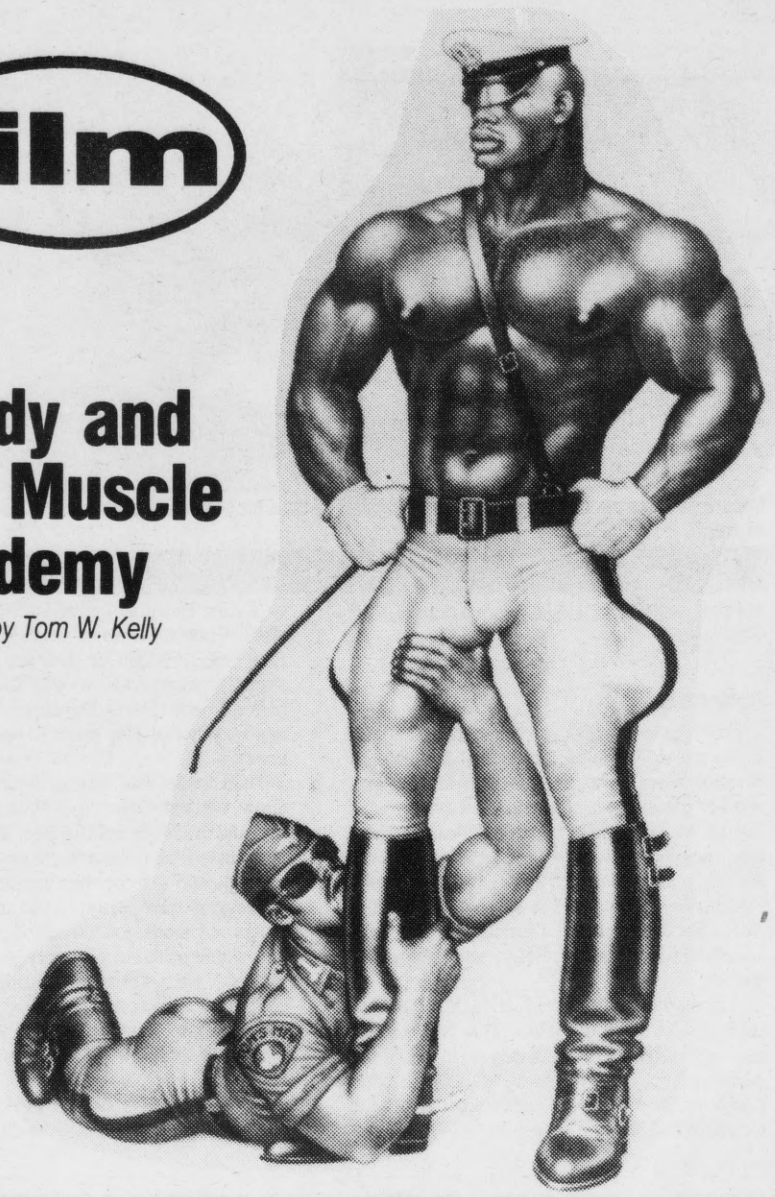
Daddy and The Muscle Academy

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly



Images, both live-action and drawn, of gym-toned manflesh abound, titillating those who like that kind of thing. One-handed porno? Not at all. *Daddy and the Muscle Academy: The Art, Life and Times of Tom of Finland* takes the documentary format and makes it sexy. The 55-minute piece covers the life, times, works and influences of gay artist Tom of Finland. Biography constantly borders on tribute to the recently deceased man, who for over three decades drew macho man-on-man masturbatory masterpieces. But some illustrations may also disturb.

Ilppo Pohjola, writer and director, sets an appropriately sexy ambiance. The voyeuristic opening images capture big-muscled studs (though still *not* quite as big as a Tom of Finland icon) in a sex dungeon. Though a little too posed, it's hot. Following, and providing the meat (sorry) of the film, is Tom himself waxing autobiographically in Finnish (translation provided, of course), divvied up by a series of interviews with people related to Tom's life and art.

An ongoing use of titled frames denotes the facets of the artist to be covered: Tom's Name, Tom's War, Tom's Early Years, Tom's First Steps, etc. Though much information is revealed, the viewer still has the sense that so much is not being said. The gravelly voiced Tom is reserved, never excited or intimate. He refers to his homosexuality as "my preference." Of course he deserves his privacy, but then why do a documentary? And after all, the people who grew up salivating over various selections from his prolific portfolio... *we* want to know more!

Tom was born in 1920 in Finland, where he spent his childhood. Snapshots abound. His parents gave him his first pair of boots, which he wore to bed, he loved them so much. Several years in the army encouraged his fetish for tight-fitting uniforms and military men. Advertising dominated his schooling and career. But when he sent his first pictures to *Physique Pictorial* in the United States, signing them Tom, his fate was sealed. The "of Finland" was quickly added in this country, sounded good, and stuck.

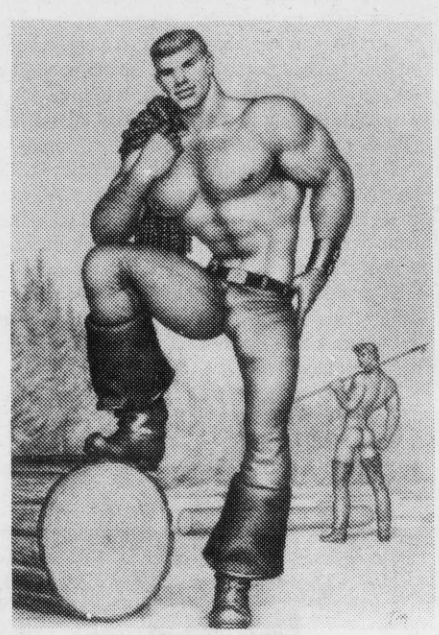
Tom's technique was consistent through the years. He studied a photograph and drew it... usually finishing within a week. His estimated number of pictures completed? In excess of 3,000! He explains that his first "characters were very beautiful... to please other people." But soon he changed to "heavily built, well-trimmed bodies... short hair... no nightmare types." He desired a photorealism look, but also wanted to "show more than the camera could." He prided his characters on being "gay and positive,' abounding in "camaraderie and laughter." They make eye contact with each other and sparks fly. And Tom loved to switch roles, as in the many scenes of "criminals" raping a voraciously sex-hungry cop.

Yeah. Rape. And a fair number of genetically flawless Nazis doing the horizontal goose-step with each other. Tom explains that his early homosexual encounters were with soldiers. He never says Nazis, but his pictures speak plenty loud. For much of his life, he had a full-time, well-paying job, and only drew what he wanted, what turned him on. These pictures will be offensive to some, perhaps many, but they do reflect a vivid portion of his life. For those with extremely strong feelings about this, stay away.

Director Pohjola occasionally relies too heavily on sex to make his work interesting. The pulsating music and ample footage of hard muscled men provide an appropriate enough framework and even milieu. But during several of the interviews of Tom's friends and acquaintances, a softcore gay leather porn double exposure lightly overlays a clear view of those speaking. How rude!

Whether or not Tom of Finland will remain a vital influence in tomorrow's homosexual identity and/or a permanent masturbatory mainstay, time will tell. His place in the erotic history of gay male imagery, though, is undeniable. *Daddy and the Muscle Academy* is lightly entertaining, informative and sexy.

Daddy and the Muscle Academy plays at the Castro Theatre, Dec. 4-10. (415) 621-6120.



Tom of Finland's macho man-on-man masterpieces: Titillating and disturbing.

Vein Effort: "Bram Stoker's Dracula"

Reviewed by Jack Fertig

In *Bram Stoker's Dracula*, Francis Ford Coppola has succeeded in putting together a lush visual spectacle. The vampurist may point out that this is not really *Bram Stoker's Dracula*. As one vampire in the audience remarked, "It's wonderfully good, and wonderfully bad as well."

Coppola has succeeded in stripping away the unctuous Lugosism that has been the touchstone of every Dracula since 1931. Instead of a thirties-ish drawing-room gothic, we have a nineties-ish assault of surreal effects and soulless lasciviousness that is more Hieronymous Bosch than Bram Stoker.

Rather than the usual book-to-film streamlining of subplots, Coppola offers odd graftings from other vampire films. The prologue presents a Dracula who vaguely resembles the historical Dracula, Vlad the Impaler, and nobody in Stoker's novel. Vlad's beloved Elizabeth believes him dead and commits suicide. Four hundred years later Dracula goes to London to find Elizabeth reincarnated as Mina Murray Harker. And this is the crux of the plot.

"Elizabeth" has no basis in Stoker's novel or in history, but the name may be taken from Elizabeth Bathory, another historical vampire. Such knowing references are scattered through the film. In one scene Dracula springs up from his coffin in obvious imitation of Murnau's *Nosferatu*. In another, van Helsing refers to infections of the blood, citing syphilis (which inspired the syphilitic Stoker's novel). The reincarnated lover angle may even be taken from *Love at First Bite*. George Hamilton and Susan St. James served that corn better by playing it for high camp. At first glance I thought the clever allusions only highlighted the waste of potential. Then I realized the real secret of the film. But back to the film itself.

In Stoker's novel, bachelorette number one, Lucy Westenra, is a sweet naive ingenue who becomes a voluptuous vamp. Under Coppola's direction, Sadie Frost as Lucy rolls her eyes and tongue in licentiousness devoid of eroticism. She runs through the night in a fuck-me-silly scarlet negligee that's more Victoria's Secret than Victorian England. And then she becomes a vampire. Buried (in more ways than one!) in a hugely overdone wedding dress with a gigantic lace collar, she spews blood and looks like Linda Blair as Pierrot.

Gary Oldman and Winona Ryder turn in performances that are much better than their material. Oldman was still upstaged by his make-up. And well he should have been. This is clearly a visual spectacle, dammit! What the hell are they *acting* for? While it's good to see Ms. Ryder in an adult role, she still looked better stomping after a fish-tailed Cher. But that was in a movie where the director cared about such odd details as, well, say, character development.

Anthony Hopkins easily gives the liveliest performance of the film—a crude, intense Dr. van Helsing squeezed into tight bursts of thespian craft that hint at what might have been. But Hannibal Lecter pops through every now and then, revealing a lack of direction or perhaps revealing the real secret of the movie. Keanu Reeves makes a mildly interesting prop, but as Jonathan Harker, that's appropriate. Lucy's three beaux—Arthur, Quincy and John—are half a step up the evolutionary ladder from Larry, Curly and Moe. Another clue to the secret.

As a visual feast, certain effects are so well done that others are glaringly miscalculated. Coppola's London is not enshrouded in a cool fog, but roiling in a miasmic tropical steam. Fangs are convincingly set into gums, but the ubiquitous blood is a wrong shade and the wrong consistency. Special effects—independently kinetic shadows, perfume that drips up—remind us that something unnatural is afoot. To quote Buffy, the vampire slayer: "Duh."

The editing is too clever by half. Bite marks dissolve into wolf eyes. A Wagnerian ring of fire protecting Mina becomes a rising sun. These gimmicky scenic transitions dot the film, sometimes to hilarious effect.

Although insubstantial, some scenes are interesting for just the visual fascination that Coppola creates. Red corpuscles parallel bubbles in absinthe. An authentic woodcut of Vlad the Impaler's victims fades neatly to the dining room where Prince Vlad meets Mina. Castle Dracula atop its craggy peak suggests a corpse chained to a chair, again and again.

Sigh.

The curious blend of genius and insipidness suggests that Coppola realized the secret truth of vampire movies. They are almost inevitably camp. He has compiled a catalog of camp cliches: constant allusion and artsy overindulgences, weak acting counterpointed by a manic Hopkins (a la Carmen Miranda; he even has an accent!), a transparently adolescent love theme used to contrast and exploit wanton women *en deshabille*. (After three *Godfather* movies, "Love never dies"? Puh-leeeze!!!) It's all a rollicking joke behind a keatonesque stone face. Vlad Bob says, Romanian commies have kept drive-ins out of Transylvania. Find one here in America and check it out. ✿

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The Revue

The original musical revue was a staple of Broadway, Off-Broadway and the local cabaret scene throughout the '60s. Leonard Sillman's now-and-then productions of *New Faces* were always tuneful and topical and managed to introduce one or two new stars per show. Sometimes these shows were a melange of works from several contributors, other times the work of a composer and lyricist strung together without benefit of a book. Occasionally hit revues toured and San Francisco enjoyed delightful evenings at *Beyond the Fringe* and *Starting Here, Starting Now.*

While locally produced revues paid homage to Berlin, Kern, Sondheim and Jerry Herman, there were few original productions, with the exception of Morris Bobrow and Gerald Nachman's co-authored 1979 *Quirks,* Bobrow's *With Relish* (a fine satirical set of musical skits about food and people's eating habits), and Bobrow's long-running *Party of One,* a musical treatment of the mating habits of our local hetero-homo-bi-sexual populations.

After a long silence, there are now *two* original musical revues on the local scene.

Homo for the Holidays

Crowd pleaser though it seems to be, F. Allen Sawyer and John F. Karr's *Homo for the Holidays,* a queer comedy revue with music, falls short of the prior standards set by these two producers. By failing to include broader representations of today's gay and lesbian lifestyles, we're served up with the same stereotypical (too often fey) types we've been laughing at (and not with) since the silly '60s. A number of the skits don't seriously focus on or contribute to the show's initial concept that gays and lesbians have established their own families, domestic partners and friends; that going "back home" for the holidays is no longer a serious consideration.

Some of the skits are polished, others come and go, offering little in the way of original satire or holiday sentiment. The songs were written by Tom Judson and the sketches by Suzy Berger, Christian Huygen, Joseph Leonardi, Jan Richman and Florence Yoo. The performers, in addition to Berger, Leonardi and Yoo, were Charles Blackburn, Billy DeHerrera and Belinda Sullivan.

"Aftershocks" at the Hotel York.

Leonardi's skit, "In the Office of Unusual Requests," opens the revue with Berger petulantly demanding her own holiday so she can have a personal day off from work. Then the ensemble sets the theme by warbling (tentatively at best) "Come on Over to Our House," where family values are based on a gay sensibility. Berger and Sullivan are the lovers to whose home the skits return when a throughline is called for.

Charles Blackburn (so fine in previous Rhino productions) seems at a loss in the current production. Now and then he is the lover of DeHerrera, who has gone back to the Midwest to be with his birth family, but who returns early, having learned that home is where the heart is. DeHerrera sings "Sex Kitten Christmas" in fish-net-stockinged drag, but tended to rush rather than purr his lyrics. Sullivan pays delightful tribute to days gone by in a sweet memory piece about her mother's dessert specialty, "Banana Pudding."

In "Homo Alone," Blackburn tries to ignore Christmas trappings only to be assaulted by Queer Scout Leonardi's delivery of a pizza and an offer of sex to earn his merit badge. Berger's "Twelve Steps of Christmas" follows her holidayholic progress from the moment she catches herself saving wrapping paper to her recovery realization that one must learn to take one holiday at a time. "The Gospel According to Mary" offers superb potential for comic satire. Mary and her girlfriend Grace receive a surprise visitation from a heavenly dove with a message from God telling Mary to lie back and think of Israel. Unfortunately, this skit peters out to a weak finish.

Best song in the revue is "A Subliminal Christmas Carol," sung by Berger. Best and most fully realized sketch was Jan Richman's "The Gift of the Magi," a rather different version featuring Sullivan, DeHerrera and Blackburn. Best line was when one of the party revelers remarked, "Recycling to him is dating the same guy twice."

Homo managed to cover such seasonal holidays as Thanksgiving, Winter Solstice, Hanukkah, Kwaanza, Christmas and New Year's, but somehow it didn't manage to convey the peculiarly unique aspects of holidays in zip code 94114.

Homo for the Holidays plays at Theatre Rhinoceros, Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 pm, with a 3 pm matinee on Dec. 6 and 5 pm performances on Dec. 5 and 12. Closes Dec. 12. Call (415) 861-5079.

Aftershocks

Chronicle writer Gerald Nachman has written the sketches and Rita Abrams the music and lyrics for *Aftershocks,* 21 songs and skits satirizing Bay Area lifestyles and attitudes. The singing, dancing, comedic sextet—Laureen Arrigotti, Stephen O'Hara, Brent Holland, Darlene Popovic, Anise Ritchie and Steve Zee—open the show with a mock gospel called, "Let's Pray for the Big One," sufficient warning that political correctness is not on the evening's agenda.

A "homeless" skit has aggressive panhandler Stephen accepting a credit card donation from Brent, asking for I.D., calling in to check on the credit line, reporting that the limit has been exceeded and cutting the card in half. (This one's about 45 seconds long.) Two tourists, Darlene and Steve, lament in song the plethora of local pizza and fried chicken palaces and the absence of a real Jewish deli: "Dining out can be a joy, just as long as you're a goy." Steve raps and taps about the ridicule a kid from an "intact" family must endure from the kids of more interesting dysfunctional families.

One of the revue's best numbers—and one which should be reprised—is about looking for love in this town, a ballad called "One in a Million," sung by Darlene with Stephen and Brent on backup. In "My Unit or Yours," gorgeous Anise is a real estate agent who belts considerable sexual innuendo into some blues lyrics about clients who "lead her on to the brink of escrow." Steve is her heavy-breathing client.

Laureen sings about her 12-stepping, dysfunctional lover; Brent takes the "last meal" order from a condemned man, following every suggested course with remarks such as, "It's to die for"; Anise sings a somewhat unfocused lyric about weathering the storm (obviously about AIDS because she was wearing a red ribbon).

There's a male bonding, consciousness-lowering skit; a sketch about a woman trying to register her cat as a domestic partner; a geriatric couple ecstatically comparing ailments with Darlene collapsing in orgasm at the prospect of some particularly hideous disease (this one offers the spontaneous zaniness of an old "Show of Shows" skit, only better); there's a Jordan-Paskin bit and a Feinstein-Boxer bit; and a bit about a ferry ride skimming over the toxic debris under the Bay.

The most touching moment was the ensemble singing of "Once Upon a Town," against a photo backdrop of friends, politicians and public personalities who are no longer with us (Harvey Milk, Jane Dornacker, Sally Stanford, Cyril Magnin, Don Sherwood, Bishop Pike, Sylvester and others).

A major virtue of any revue is the fact that if you don't like a skit or a song, there'll be a new one along in three minutes. I figure if I like 80 percent of a revue, it's a hit. With its mix of new and proven talent, a couple of memorable songs, Karen Knoll's costumes and Bill Keck's musical direction, *Aftershocks* will be shaking up the Plush Room for some months to come. And a final word to the producer: with a hit song like "One in a Million," reprise it at the show's close. Send the audience humming out the door.

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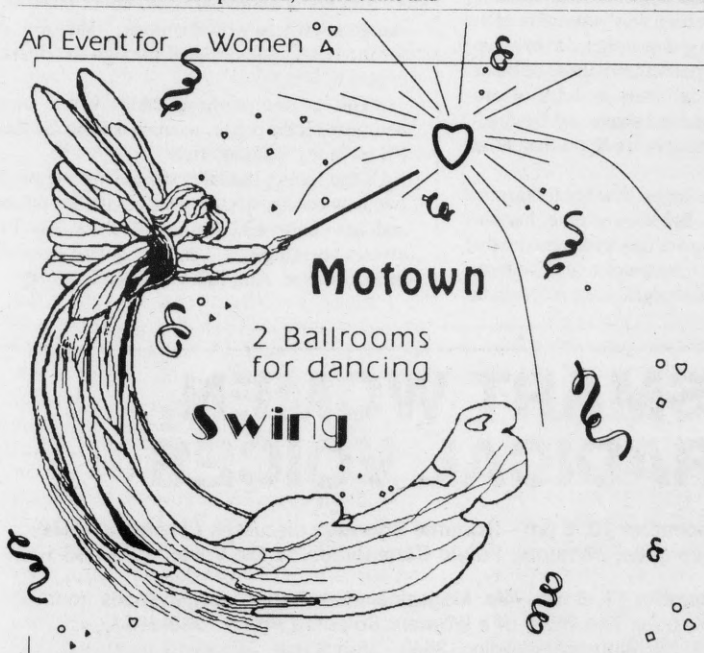

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Writer Out Of Carolina:

An Interview With Dorothy Allison

by Victoria A. Brownworth

She has been *nominated* for some of fiction's most prestigious awards. She has *won* some of queer fiction's most prestigious awards. But anyone who thinks that Dorothy Allison gets things easily hasn't read her fiction and doesn't know very much about her life.

Allison is the author of the first novel by an out lesbian to be nominated for the National Book Award (NBA), one of the most—with the Pulitzer—important writing awards in the United States. *Bastard Out of Carolina,* Allison's first novel and the book for which she was nominated, is a beautifully crafted and chillingly painful evocation of life growing up in the poverty of the American South. It is a life that Allison herself knows well, and elements of that life also fueled the stories and poems from her award-winning collections. *Trash,* her collection of short stories, won the Lambda Literary Award for fiction. The stories are visceral and deeply, irrevocably threaded with the taut line of lesbian sexuality and sensibility.

"I don't know what it means that I've been nominated for this award," said Allison from her home in northern California. "I worry sometimes that if the big boys notice me that maybe it isn't because I'm doing something right, but because I'm doing something wrong."

The mainstream press has described Allison as an "overnight success," but the 44 year old has been writing in the lesbian, feminist and gay press for two decades. She was an editor at the lesbian/feminist literary journal, *Conditions,* for years and has written for *The Advocate, OUT/LOOK, The New York Native* and other publications over the years. She has published several books before *Bastard,* all with the small lesbian press Firebrand. Her writings on lesbian sexuality, particularly S/M, have been controversial, as have her other works. Allison never takes life simplistically.

"Part of it's my background, I guess," she said. "And then part of it is that I just really keep thinking about having a revolution. I grew up in the lesbian-feminist culture that said everyone had a responsibility to be an activist. I'm still a revolutionary."

Allison lives with her partner, Alix, and their new baby, Wolf. "It's a balance, trying to be a mother and a writer and travel all over the place giving lectures and talks. But I have a family to support," Allison said, "and my girlfriend had this wonderful child and I want to be able to take care of her and Junior. But I don't get a lot of sleep."

Allison would have liked to have a child herself, she said, "but I can't have children. The technology that would be necessary for me to have a baby just isn't worth it."

It is "extraordinary to be a new lesbian mother," Allison added. "You get no sleep or sex. It's a whole adventure." But coping with the fact that she couldn't bear a child herself was painful. "I had to face the fact I couldn't do it," she said. "It made me ferociously angry. Now I think that we should all get our big strapping butch girlfriends to have the babies—I'm really impressed with the way she was able to go through this pregnancy."

Although she has spent half her life in the North, Allison's voice still has the deep, husky Southern accent of her childhood. Her talk is peppered with "darlin' " and "sweetheart" and it is difficult to converse with Allison and not be drawn by her simmering sensuality. Her voice is what used to be called "smoky" and her eyes squint often into laughter. She is notoriously outspoken on issues of lesbian sexuality, a subtext of her poems and stories, but not her novel.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

"This is not a lesbian novel, it's a working-class novel," Allison said of *Bastard.* "But it's *about* a lesbian, there is certainly the aspect of that hidden reality there. Bertha Harris [one of the founders of the first American lesbian press, Daughters, Inc.] once argued with me that it wasn't possible to have a lesbian novel—what you have are lesbian novelists, not lesbian novels. And lesbians haven't done a lot with the novel so far. Part of lesbian novel writing has been about reflecting us back to ourselves. But there is more to writing novels."

One of the first questions Allison has gotten about the complex novel is if it is autobiographical. The author agrees that she and her protagonist share some life experiences, but adds, "If *Bastard is* autobiographical, then it is mostly a lie."

Writing is, along with her family, the foundation and substance of Allison's life. When she is not writing herself, she is lecturing and talking about writing. She has been very supportive of the Astraea Foundation, a group designed to help support lesbian writers, particularly those of color.

"Writing is very definitely a series of processes," she said. "And as lesbians and feminists, we've had a very different tradition than other people."

Allison received the largest advance for *Bastard* of any lesbian writer. But she and other lesbians involved in publishing are quick to point out that "largest advance" is very much a relative term. Male writers, gay and straight, have received far greater sums for "promising" first novels; Allison received only $37,000.

"People think this is so much money, but of course I had to live on that for the three years it took me to write the book."

One of the issues most dear to Allison's heart is broadening the possibilities for lesbian writers.

"No matter *what* people say, money is a big issue," she said. "If you are always worried about money, if you have to count every penny or charge up your credit cards—if you have them—this is not the best way to be writing."

Beyond money, Allison wants lesbians to expand their writing abilities and their attitudes about criticism. She notes that she began writing in the era when "feminism was first critiquing fiction, fiction was a 'crime.' We were told to 'tell the truth,' keep it very 'real.' Now that's disappeared—lesbian writers are challenging themselves and that's great."

As for the secrets of her own success as a writer and her role as model for a younger generation of lesbian writers, she says, "The best writing comes from the soul. But then you have to have a good editor."

Allison says it takes "ten drafts to get a good novel—the keys are all in rewriting. It's a process of self-discovery. It's frightening how long it takes to write and rewrite. It's going to take me at least two years to write the next novel. And I am working on a book of essays for Firebrand. [Her novels are published by Dutton.] I teach writing to help with my income, and I lecture. It's pretty impossible to make a living from writing alone—the vast majority of writers teach."

Allison is a bit surprised and somewhat shy about her "role model" status. "There have been a lot of lesbians out there writing for years," she said. "*My* role models have been Adrienne Rich and Audre Lorde. Blanche Boyd and Rita Mae Brown have been out there publishing for ten years. There are a lot of women doing it."

But the struggle to write becomes part of the writing, she said. "Misery changes you," she said. "I haven't had any choice—I've lived on the margin for a long time. That's one of the reasons why I'm working with Astraea—I know what that life is like."

Fame and critical respect haven't changed Allison. She remains gritty, down-to-earth and circumspect about her future.

"One of my goals is to get health insurance, and to have enough money to live on without worry. I *hate* borrowing money." But *Bastard* is now in its eighth printing and the paperback of the novel is due out in the beginning of 1993.

"I'm not at all embarrassed about *Bastard.* I can go anywhere with this book," she said. As for the NBA, she's excited, though she doesn't expect to win.

"This is one of those things where being nominated is the honor, winning is icing. So there I'll be in my fashion crisis."

Of the future, she says she is working on the two new books, spending time with her partner and new baby and continuing "the way I've always been, I guess. I'm an acquired taste as a lesbian writer. And as a revolutionary." ✿

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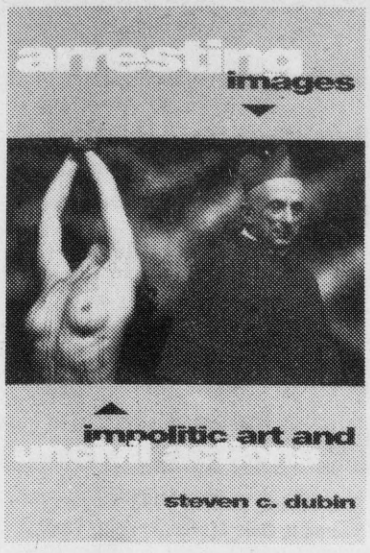

Reviewed by Randy Turoff

Culture and the arts receive an enlightening spin in this new book, courtesy of Steven Dubin, Professor of Sociology at the State University of New York. Everything that has happened in the past five years that has to do with controversies over censorship in the arts is examined in astounding detail in *Arresting Images: impolitic art and uncivil actions*.

Dubin's style is pleasantly engaging, surefooted and methodical as he traverses the complex terrain of freedom of expression, which is strewn with political factionalism, radical challenges, conservative backlash, and unintentional ironies. The book lets everyone be heard, from Jesse Helms to Robert Mapplethorpe, and includes the likes of Holly Hughes, Dread Scott, Salman Rushdie, 2 Live Crew, Andres Serrano, the Old Glory Condom Corp., Annie Sprinkle, Judy Chicago, the Guerilla Girls, Jock Sturges, Frohnmayer, the NEA, Dannemeyer, David Nelson, ACT UP, the New York City Artists' Space, David Wojnarowicz, Gran Fury, Donald Wildmon, the American Family Association, Sarah Schulman, Karen Finley, John Fleck, Patrick Buchanan, GLAAD, PBS, David Hammons, the Non-Traditional Casting Project, galleries, museums, arts journalists, the Supreme Court, the Meese Commission on Pornography, the U.S. Military, Hollywood, Joe Public and the Pope.

"Although art may sometimes shock us, so do many recent attempts to regulate it," writes Dubin in his introduction to *Arresting Images*. His intent is to examine art and the social reactions to it. He contends that when a society is rife with problems and has trouble with a shaky identity, governments usually use deflective techniques, diversionary tactics, like attacking the arts. For instance, in 1985 in New York City, a program was devised to cover up abandoned apartment buildings in the ghetto of the South Bronx. Windows were painted complete with facsimiles of curtains and potted plants. "These facsimiles were literally window dressings, stand-ins for nonexistent programs to address the manifold problems of urban decay."

Artists and activists of the late '80s began to redress government inattention to social problems. These artists challenged the status quo and provoked heated discussions. According to Dubin, there are four major "hot buttons" that spark heated controversy: race, religion, patriotism and sex. "Art congeals inchoate concerns and provides a convenient scapegoat." Art can also serve as a symbolic field for the power plays between warring factions. And, "controversy most generally erupts where art is displayed in places that are public or publicly supported."

In 1989, Black artist David Hammons was commissioned to construct an outdoor piece on government property in Washington, D.C. He installed a bust-length portrait of Jesse Jackson painted on tin. He painted Jackson with white skin, blond hair and blue eyes. The title and challenge read: "How Ya Like Me Now?" Ten Black workers sledgehammered it to pieces.

Prior to the Hammons incident, a major controversy had erupted in Chicago. A white artist, David Nelson, had painted a satirical portrait of the recently deceased beloved mayor of Chicago, Harold Washington. The lampoon shows the mayor in female undergarments. It was displayed at an exhibition at the School of the Art Institute. Nelson was irreverently poking fun at the hagiography, the deification which had developed around Harold Washington, the first elected Black mayor of Chicago. The transvestism of the portrait was a rendition of the "whispered subtext," the rumor which had been circulating that the bachelor mayor was a closeted gay drag queen. The title of Nelson's painting was *Mirth and Girth*, referring to the organization for overweight gay men called Girth and Mirth. Blacks were outraged and responded to the painting with a level of intensity vying with the Islamic rejection of Salman Rushdie's *Satanic Verses*. Death threats were foisted upon the artist and the art school director.

Assuming David Nelson to be Jewish, which he wasn't, a wave of Jew-baiting swept through the city. Anti-Semitism wasn't new for Chicago and this wasn't a novel occurrence. Mayor Washington's former aide, Steve Cokely, a supporter of Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam, had previously accused Jewish doctors of injecting Black babies with the AIDS virus. Flexing their political muscle, Chicago's Black aldermen confiscated the painting and put it "under arrest." News articles compared the confiscation of the painting to Gestapo tactics in Nazi Germany. The Black community felt that the artist had provoked them, and that he had performed a symbolic emasculation of their newly won power. Each side believed their civil rights had been violated. Dubin observes, "This image was the tinder that ignited what was already an incendiary racial situation. In the classic sense, it was a disaster waiting to occur."

Similarly, Andres Serrano's *Piss Christ* was a ripe target for Reverend Wildmon and the American Family Association. Wildmon had just done battle over Scorsese's film, *The Last Temptation of Christ* and Madonna's video *Like a Prayer*. He was seeing the devil dog of secular humanism trotting down every street corner. Serrano's dramatic five-foot photo of a crucified Christ figurine submerged in urine and photographed against a blood-red backdrop was part of an opus dating over several years. Serrano began his tableau photos in 1983. They combined scenes of carnality and religiosity.

Dubin writes that the *Piss Christ* was taken out of context, and in fact, most of the criticism came pouring in after the traveling show had been completed and had been dismantled. Serrano's earlier *Pieta* was a portrait of a young woman wrapped in black, cradling the carcass of a large fish. In 1986, the artist used bodily fluids in a photo called *Milk, Blood* which looks like an abstract painting. His ironic *Piss Elegance* showed a fashion doll dunked in a vat of urine. *Piss Christ* followed suit. Serrano drew upon his own Catholic upbringing for his images, according to Dubin, and he included what he saw as a Catholic obsession with the body and blood of Christ. The use of bodily fluids also reflected on the growing AIDS epidemic, where the same fluids which give life were also threatening many with death.

The religious mobilization by the Christian Right against *Piss Christ* in 1989 was taken up by Jesse Helms in a parallel effort to punish the NEA for funding works of "blasphemy." In July 1989, Helms led the Senate into passing a bill cutting NEA funds by $45,000—the exact amount given in awards to Serrano and to a traveling exhibit of Robert Mapplethorpe's photographs. Helms also got an amendment passed which barred federal funds from underwriting materials that were deemed "obscene" or "lacking serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value." Lacking—in whose opinion? became the question.

In 1989, good old William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.) issued a warning to Congress and the American people: "Currently we are a divided nation. Such a division has not existed in America since the Civil War." And to what, asks Dubin, does Dannemeyer attribute this division? Does he mention race or class or religion? No, none of the above. Dannemeyer says that the gravest danger of all is homosexuality.

Dubin writes that it was Patrick Buchanan who launched the most sustained attack on gay rights in print, through a series of venomous columns. Buchanan claimed that gay rights radicals and artists were totally out of touch with most of society and that they suffered from "an infantile disorder." Buchanan wrote that gays "promoted filth and degradation in the guise of mediocre art, and a lifestyle that was suicidal; witness Mapplethorpe's death from AIDS." Conservative art critics like Hilton Kramer denounced what they

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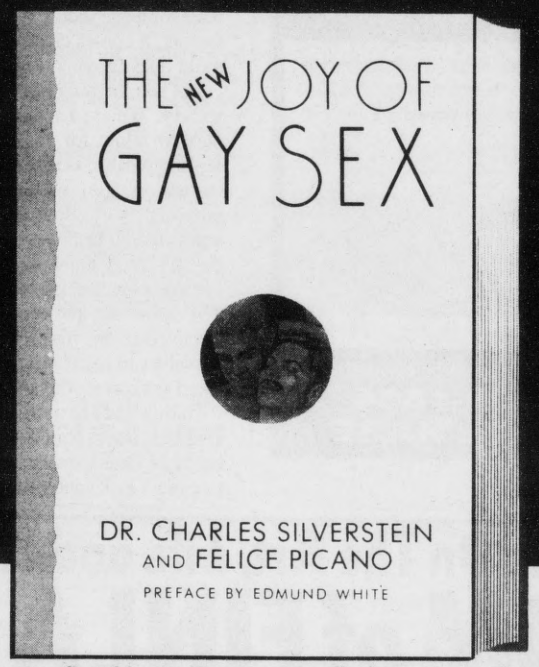

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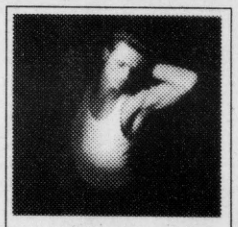

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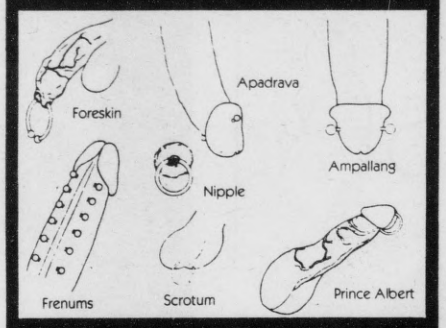

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Stereotypes

What is a stereotype? According to the first definition in Webster's it is "A solid metallic plate for printing, cast from a mold..." This definition does not fit the usual meaning that we use—to describe or judge what someone should be and look like—but nonetheless, it comes close. Forcing someone into a mold does fit our meaning.

But stereotyping no longer has a place in our society. We are a society that is much too complex to allow for it. For example, a Daddy, stereotypically, is a very masculine man, a top, mature in age, with graying temples and a muscular body. Sorry to break the news, but I know many Daddies that do not fit into that description. I know some women, young men, untoned men, and grandfathers who are Daddies. The same example can be applied to many different roles, and maybe we need to look inside of ourselves to see if we are giving people enough room to express who and what they choose to be.

I admit that I have my ideas of what I want my Daddies, Boys, Hunks, Tops and Bottoms to be, but those ideas are mine and I do not have the right to expect everyone else to view them the same way I would. The test may come when a person runs for a title that has a physical stereotype theme to it and does not fit that stereotype. What then? Does that mean he or she cannot win, even though he or she is in that role mentally and by lifestyle choice?

Most role playing is a state of mind and, for most, has nothing to do with the physical state. I do admit a hot, gray templed, muscular man is a turn-on, but I have been with a few who were definitely bottoms, which blows the theory out of the water that all who fit the classic physical type are always going to be what you think they should be.

Mr. Sacramento Leather 1993 winners (l-r): Bill Sherman, Dale Starbuck, John Yantzs.

DADDY IRWIN

Daddy Irwin's fundraiser was very successful and raised some much-needed money, the AIDS Emergency Fund. It is good to see when a titleholder does a good job, and takes his or her time and money to do these types of events to raise money for charity. There is no profit or advantage for these people, so they deserve a little praise for their efforts and a job well done. Thanks, Irwin.

MR. SACRAMENTO LEATHER

Fantastic fantasies!!! The SLA members gave a great show Saturday, Nov. 21, at Joseph's Town & Country. The fantasies were not only creative but humorous. The best one was a Star Trek skit featuring a boy who fell asleep watching TV and began to dream. A Starfleet officer and a Romulan flogged the Trekkie, then kept him still with a phaser as a Borg turned on his drive shaft and worked on his back door before overloading and shorting out.

The night was attended by a big group from the South Bay and Central Valley, but an embarrassing few from San Francisco. Talk about titleholders—it seemed like more than a third to a half of the audience had some sort of title. It is good to see that so many title representatives are doing what they volunteered to do. Good job, guys and gals!

There were three winners: Bill Sherman was second runner-up, Dale Starbuck first runner-up, and John Yantzs won Mr. Sacramento Leather 1993. The emcee for the evening, Donna Shrout—Ms. Northern California Leather—did a splendid job and stalled for time (when needed) with grace and talent.

It was a very productive year for the outgoing Mr. Sacramento Leather, Wes Patterson. I hope he will try again for International Mr. Cheeks & Chaps this year. A fun town as usual! Oh, by the way, Bill Gooch had a great party after the contest that was quite interesting. Thanks, Bill.

BLACKFIRE

Blackfire definitely describes Jimmy Lee Murray, the winner of the contest to select a model for the cover of *Blackfire* magazine. Omar Mosely was first runner-up and Jeff Bell second runner-up. Nine other contestants gave a good show and deserve a big hand. It was disappointing to hear that a white man felt it was necessary to challenge the theme. Racism is all around us, true, but this contest was not one of those cases. We should all allow members of any race the freedom to express their pride at being who they are without screaming racism. There are other genuine issues of racism to which to devote our time and energies.

Deena Jones, Sister Woman, and the everlovable Tommy Rose entertained, with Gregory Adams and Don Thompson as emcees. Gaylin and Gregory, I raise my hat to you for a splendid job in producing a hit!

THE KINK FEST

A fundraiser which brought in $4,900 for Jay Marston was held at the Women's Building on Nov. 22. She has been one of the best whip and toy crafts persons around, but because of her craft she has been inflicted with Carpal Tunnel Syndrome. Jay is unable to continue her craft at this time, but hopefully with surgery she can return to making toys for all of us. The S/M fair consisted of flogging, caning and massage booths, along with a toy auction. Blair and Lenny emceed, and the event was very well attended. Good luck with your recovery, Jay.

THE ED AND ARTHUR SHOW

The title of this event can be credited to Mr. Marcus, who could not attend because he was in Puerto Rico, hopefully having a good time. The event was very different, but was extremely enjoyable. Ed and Arthur put a lot of thought into some of the skits, which turned out to be very camp. I found it interesting that Arthur could do drag so well— he snatched those dollar tips from people's hands like a pro. I think Ed was definitely pleased with the event. The best numbers were Boy Chow and the chickens beak-synching to "Bugle Boy From Company B." A lot of fun was had by all.

PARTIES AND EVENTS

Dec. 4-10 is the **Life and Times of Tom Of Finland** film festival at the Castro Theatre. Just think about all those men who will come to see the flick. Um Um!!!

Sunday, Dec. 6, Creative Talents presents **An Evening With L.L.L.**, a fundraiser at the Rawhide II on Seventh Street starting at 4 pm. A cast of thousands will be performing, and a raffle and beer bust are available to help raise money for a good cause. The emcees will be Mr. SF Cowboy '91-'92, Don Wright and Nova Lie, Mr. Gay SF '90. The theme is quite broad—"Broadway to Leather to Country"—but has a special inclusion of many different tastes. Also, check out the SMMILE Castro Community Holiday Tree-

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On Saturday, Dec. 12, don't miss the third annual **Mr. Chubby Contest** at the Lone Star Saloon on Harrison Street from 8-11 pm. There's a cash prize for the winner and a 50/50 raffle to benefit the Gay Softball League teams. Producers Ray Tilton and Nova Lei bring you Rex Richards live and Rick Jefferies, of "Fantasy Men."

On Wednesday, Dec. 16, join the **Pacific Bears of California** at the Headquarters for a Beer Bust and the Ms. H.Q. contest. Let's see those women in tight uniforms. Also keep in mind that every Tuesday is Skivvies night and every Wednesday is Bare Chest night.

Happy 40th??? Birthday Metz, but you still look like you're 21. Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving, and I hope you have a safe and sane holiday season. Please write my PO Box number down to send me info on events. This will be the last time it will be published for a while: PO Box #4, Redwood City, CA 94064. ✿

Books...

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saw as Mapplethorpe's attempt to "force" the public into accepting "loathsome" sexual values.

Also in the same year of 1989, under tremendous pressure from Capitol Hill and bad press, the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, DC cancelled Mapplethorpe's exhibit at the eleventh hour. This cancellation triggered off a huge lesbian/gay protest and a thousand demonstrators flashed slides of Mapplethorpe's work on the outside of the Corcoran's building. Artist Lowell Nesbitt announced that he was withholding a bequest to the museum that would have been worth over a million dollars. The Corcoran subsequently fell apart at the seams.

Dubin explains that *de facto* censorship—the conditions that limit participation or success relating to discrimination based on race, class, gender, sexual orientation or aesthetic creed, is the most pervasive censorship in this country. As Sarah Schulman argues, only the most upper-class people with the right connections could ever get grants in the first place, but that now with the anti-homosexual and anti-erotic furor going on, even those privileged gay people who had been working in marketable forms have been relegated to the category of unacceptability. Dubin says that people don't get as worked up over *de facto* censorship as they do over regulative or *de jure* censorship, so that even when they fight against things like obscenity clauses, they usually don't touch the basic sources of political repression which are the foundations of *de facto* censorship.

Briefs...

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• If you think all gays/lesbians/bisexuals are NOT Democrats, vegetarians or members of Queer Nation, then you need to submit to the upcoming *We're Not Who You Think* anthology for the politically incorrect. Come on, closeted Republicans, this is your chance to be heard. Send for details: PO Box 2745, Quincy, MA 02269.

• There is now a special-interest gay and lesbian 12-Step meeting for adult children of alcoholics in Santa Rosa. It meets weekly each Friday from 8-9:30 pm starting Jan. 8 at the meeting room of the YMCA, 1111 College Ave. For info, call Ken at (707) 833-6018.

• The Independent Television Service (ITVS) is asking independent filmmakers to put their heads together with people affected by AIDS and come up with new ways of approaching issues and topics that concern people living with HIV. ITVS has earmarked $1.4 million for a nine-part TV series on the subject. Call (612) 225-9035 for info. Deadline: Jan. 15.

• The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's Legal Director, Paula Ettelbrick, has announced her resignation from the organization, effective March 15, after seven years. Her efforts for the group included representation of a lesbian/gay student group that was denied funding at Arizona State University, a successful challenge to the Michigan sodomy law and a challenge to a New York City lesbian bar's racist policies.

AP and PGN also contributed to this report. ✿

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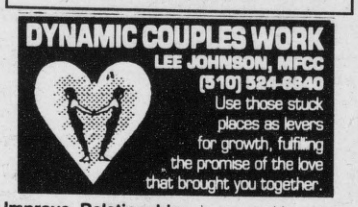
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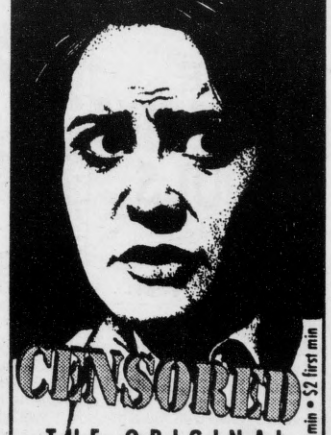

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Congress, and for foundations, companies, and other private organizations.

HOW TO ADVOCATE AND BUILD COALITIONS FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH FUNDING

In the past, we were advised to soften or omit the problems in medical research—especially when Congress was considering funding. But now we have the prospect of a serious national commitment to AIDS, as well as a major national policy shift from military to civilian research. As a result, the problems themselves can be an integral part of research advocacy, since they point the way to highly cost-effective management efforts. Correcting key malfunctions which are preventing the translation of research investment into clinical benefits can release unimagined opportunities for achieving the results that count—better practical treatments for people.

One problem today is the belief in some circles that medical-research progress is a root cause of medical cost inflation, by producing better but ever more expensive treatments—essentially an argument that in medicine, ignorance is cost effective. A closer look shows that cost inflation reflects mismanagement, not advancing knowledge.

Biomedical research is politically unique, because it is personal in a way that other technologies are not. Everyone knows that they and their loved ones may (and probably will) face life-threatening illness some day—and that medical science could make the difference between life and death, or between recovery and lasting disability. Medical research enhances the security of everyone.

Other technologies also save lives, but the public does not see them the same way. For example, a recent poll of Maryland voters sponsored by Research America found that 47 percent of voters were willing to pay more taxes to increase medical research—several times the level of support for space or national defense.

Biomedical research has other advantages:

• If well managed it will reduce the cost of medical care. Treatments which work well are usually less resource-intensive than those which work poorly and require chronic care. Medical cost inflation stems from poor management, from incentives for inappropriate use of technology, not from medical advance itself. For example, in the Reagan-Bush administration, there was no proactive leadership to assert the public interest—and since price competition in medicine is difficult to arrange within ethical constraints, the commercial incentives were to research and develop the most expensive (and therefore most profitable) treatments, even when less expensive approaches could work as well or better.

• Medical research stimulates biotechnology, a major area of U.S. strength and a key element of the future U.S. economy—if we do not lose the lead to Japan, which has long been ahead in certain areas, such as fermentation technology.

On the other side, there is public impatience today with cancer, Alzheimer's and AIDS research in particular, because of lack of productivity in delivering improved treatments and better survival and care. (Some medical fields, such as heart disease and ulcer research, have delivered major benefits.) In AIDS, where we have reported on research and treatment for six years, it is clear that major management problems are inhibiting progress, and that these can be fixed. For example, the biggest single block today to better AIDS treatments is the lack of a workable system for getting the best of the hundreds of promising drugs created in laboratories through preclinical and early clinical development, to the point of the first test of biological activity in 12 to 20 human volunteers. If the drugs could get to that point, it would be relatively easy to find companies to take the successful ones the rest of the way.

Other major, systemic problems in U.S. medical research today include (1) the lack of viable career paths for physician/researchers (who are often required to cash in their M.D. chips due to accumulated debts before completing research training), and (2) the lopsided influence of industry on directing government research money, since almost everybody on the committees which allocate public money has pharmaceutical relationships on the side, resulting in grossly disproportionate research emphasis on large-company drugs already marketed or nearing the market, and no critical mass of advocates to champion newer, emerging technologies. (The latter problem may reflect not so much the excessive power of pharmaceutical companies, but rather the lack of countervailing assertion of the public interest, due to ideological objections in the outgoing administration.) No one in government (or elsewhere) has had the authority to attack these and other systemic problems.

Much progress has been made in basic research, especially in the development of tools and techniques which open doors to progress against AIDS, cancer, and many other diseases. But we have not had the leadership to fix the obstacles blocking the translation of basic knowledge into better treatments and cures. With high-level attention, these obstacles can in large part be overcome, allowing us to harvest the benefit not only of ongoing basic research, but also of the great accumulated research investment already made.

AIDS Treatment News, *a twice-monthly newsletter, is available by subscription. For a sample issue, call (800) TREAT-1-2, or send a SASE to ATN, PO Box 411256, SF 94141. To protect your confidentiality, we mail first class without mentioning AIDS on the envelope.* ✿

the personals

WOMEN

Dancer
Musician, passionate about self-expression, communication, healing from child abuse, committed single mother of young man, 16, teacher, 49 and fat, ex-smoker, ex-drinker, seeks friends and one woman to become committed with. What I want is close contact and communication with my partner, the freedom to be myself, and the excitement and joy of discovering another, different human being who I am compatible with. I am willing to put in the effort to allow it to work. You are passionate, very close in age, ex or non-smoker/drinker, and you want to share inside little girls to hold, play, be safe with, cuddle. Our adults want to heal, live and love for years to come. Let's meet. Reply BT Box DC1A or call ★★2576.

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Do you? Do you like to "play" more than "working on a relationship"? Are you a strong, undeniable femme who knows how to wear down a gentle yet firm butch to get what you want? I'm 28 y.o., Rubenesque, strong, sexy and possess a healthy attitude toward safe hot casual sex. Let's have dinner and openly discuss our needs; later, maybe your nails running down my back. Call ★★2577.

Call Ad: "Kinda Assertive Butch"
I have a bet with someone that my ad will get more calls than hers did. This will not be easy since she got 39 calls in 6 weeks and I only have 2 weeks to beat that number. I need your help. Please call the ad: "Kinda Assertive Butch." This is on the level. All calls will be answered as tallied. Calls to this ad don't count. Thanks.

Sick Of The Bar Scene?
Discreet, attractive, petite SWF looking for friendship first with feminine, intelligent, pretty, sensual, straight-like but queer women, 19 to 26, who would like to have a serious, monogamous, passionate, romantic relationship. Must have integrity, great communication skills and a healthy mind and body. We like the Bay Area, modern rock, dancing, films, cafes, nature, art, museums, beaches and semi-vegi-ethnic foods. No smokers, drug users, S&M or b.o.! Reply BT Box DC2A or call ★★2578.

Unusual Liaison
Dominant beast sought by dominant beauty. I might submit to you if you know what you're doing, are extremely fit, have a killer body and the face of an angel. You'll find me a sexy, gorgeous, intimidating femme fatale; all the while burning to give it up to my butch contemporary. And unlike the story, I DON'T want you to turn into the handsome prince! Call ★★2579.

Lesbians Ignite...
And release a chain of o-o-ooohs. 33 y.o., ass-kicking, butch-loving, fat femme looking for some good sex. Reply BT Box DC3A or call ★★2580.

Kinda Assertive Butch
Average height/weight, cute, green eyes/brown hair, 37. Looking for average weight femme or androgynous who's bright, has a good sense of humor, 35-45, for romance, et al. I like comedy, plays, flea markets, movies, quiet times at home, talking and other stuff. I'm introspective, psychologically aware, bright, funny, sometimes gregarious, sometimes quiet, playful, affectionate

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SF Bay Times Personals, thanks for helping destiny along. And for those wondering whether they dare try meeting someone special via an ad, we can only point to our happy outcome, and urge you to GO FOR IT—*LIFE IS NOT A DRESS REHEARSAL!*

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and politically minded. I communicate what I want/need (usually) and am responsible for my own feelings. You too (usually). Long-term, loving, stable, monogamous, live-in relationship with children. Call ★★2581.

Marin

28, financially secure, sensitive, with a good sense of humor. Enjoys nature, animals, outdoor adventures, athletics, movies, reading and quiet lazy days at home. Seeking sincere woman with shared interests to build friendship with the possibility of romance. No drugs, NS, light drinker. Reply BT Box DC4A or call ★★2582.

Science Quiz...

What is the Latin name for the great blue whale? How many chromosomes do humans have? And what is the Pacific Flightway? If you can answer these maybe we have something in common... Science. I'm a feminine science professional looking for friends to walk, talk and enjoy good food and the outdoors with. Let's play in the sun and moon. Call ★★2583.

This Is A Birthday Present

For my best friend. She's 42, a construction worker/carpenter, brown eyes/hair. Average height/weight, cute, kinda shy. A gentle, easygoing soul with a great personality and sense of humor. Into flea markets, antiques, camping, movies, or just hanging out. Not into heavy drinking or drugs. She's a special person and I couldn't think of a better present than helping her find that special person of her own. Call ★★2584.

I want courageous closeness with a woman who knows how to be good to another human being, who can think with me passionately and deeply and teach me things I don't know, who loves reading, classical music, desert and mountains, and is committed to women and to a world free of oppressions. Being an immigrant, I am particularly (but not exclusively) interested in women who are not from the dominant cultural group. "M," PO Box 1591, Oakland 94604.

East Bay

I'm a 30 y.o. GWF, successful professional, living in the East Bay. I'm looking to meet other active, intelligent, attractive women. I enjoy airplanes, orchids, Beethoven, hiking, drinking cappuccino with my Sunday newspaper, debating, barbecuing, intellectual discussions, religious activities (Christian), occasional shopping at Nordstrom, and spending time with friends and family. I'm hoping for a long-term relationship, but I expect to date and develop a deep friendship first. Reply BT Box DC5A.

Be Adventurous—
East Bay Or San Francisco

Looking for friendship which has possibilities of developing into long-term relationship. If you're between 35-55 y.o., enjoy movies, traveling, theater, walking & verbal communication, please call. No smoke/drugs; light alcohol only. Call ★★2586.

Dancing Dykes

I want to meet lesbians who really like to dance long and enthusiastically, are drink-/drug-/smoke-free, and who want to avoid those selection hassles. If you appreciate the costume aspect of clothes vs. "uniform," are open to spending time on the dance floor with a good dancer who doesn't do drama games, or intrigue, and want occasional club company, please call. Age, race unimportant. (Height considerations only for "touch dancing.") Call ★★2587.

Cut To The Chase

Searching for a partner to share my life and hers. I am a professional, 47, reasonably attractive, interested in personal growth, travel, music & film, CW dancing. Seek someone fairly close to my age, or similar background & values, financially & emotionally stable and willing to work at commitment. We have dealt with most of our "issues" and are ready for a deep, mature, enriching relationship. East Bay, Marin preferred. Reply BT Box DC6A or call ★★2588.

I'm Searching For A Real Love

Someone to cuddle, kiss and just enjoy. Possibly a relationship. Me: 28 y.o. GF, medium athletically built. I'm very loving, caring, honest, affectionate and very health-conscious. You: 30-40, athletic, not a gameplayer, monogamous, honest, sincere and funny, someone who enjoys great times with someone special—and more. NS, animal lover and nature lover a plus. Reply BT Box DC7A or call ★★2589.

Cynical Romantic

Kiki androgyne with comfortable curves seeks fetchingly intelligent 20-odd queer woman for sarcastic banter, pernicious philosophies and late night ice cream runs. Appreciation of words, macabre humor and massages needful. Must love black and white and all the shades of gray in-between. I'm a verbal acrobat when awake, silly sloth when asleep. Want to count my toes? Call ★★2590.

Intelligence, Honesty And Integrity

Sound like concepts to live your life by? Me too. I'm a femme who likes camping, roses, romance and dogs. No drugs! Or heavy smokers. I own lingerie and jeans. I'm a professional. I enjoy life and its diversity. Let's explore caves, parks and the beach. And who knows... maybe we will find the woman of our dreams in each other. Lesbians with old-fashioned ideals only. Call ★★2591.

Permit Me To Be Blunt

I am a tall, blond, very attractive femme (28) with a weakness for romance and a penchant for play. I would like to meet very attractive, androgynous women (25-35) who thrive on laughter and spontaneous adventures of any sort. Sound like you? I'd love to hear from you. Please include a photo and if the chemistry is there, I'll do the same. Reply BT Box DC8A.

Does The Power Of The Wind

And ocean excite you? As well as the power of a good book? Can you combine those along with good cooking and a loving woman? Add a mixture of old world values, honesty and quirkiness. Along with a professional, educated, feminine woman. Can you build campfires, cuddle, watch for bats under the stars with one special love or friend? No drugs, smokers. Lesbians only please. Reply BT Box DC9A or call ★★2592.

Wanted: Saints Of Color

And Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" I am interviewing for my closest friend. Wanted: women deep in God, home; discerning spirit stewards over themselves; down-to-earth personality with a sense of humor like King Solomon and the beauty of Bathsheba. My friend is seeking a soul mate; if you love the Lord Jesus Christ and believe God loves you in spite of your sexual preference, call ★★2593.

My Next Lover

Will be ready to move to the country with me and my kindergartener, or perhaps she'll already be rurally established; she'll treasure mutual support for healing and be competent at interpersonal processing; she'll be generous of spirit, flexible, and responsible; she'll be seeking an equal who's seen the dark side and still believes that the promise of love will be fulfilled. Call ★★2594.

Amorous Attention And More!

Were you one of the fully clothed, no eye contact shy gawkers at Ecstasy Lounge? Skip this ad. But if you live in SF, are a nonsmoker, confident, self-affirming, aware you choose the feelings you experience, cherish conversation and honestly have time to pay attention, spiritual 30 y.o. seeks impassioned sex with one who also places intellectual stimulation on her list of oral talents. Reply BT Box DC10A or call ★★2595.

Immigrant Asian Lesbian

49 y.o. seeks the same for friendship, possible relationship. Me: NS, no drug use. Interested in personal growth, fitness, human energy, looking for relationship to enhance each other's life, to enjoy the closeness, togetherness, but respect each other's different interests. You: NS, no drug use; honest, warm heart, nice smile, take the relationship seriously. Pls write: PO Box 612841, San Jose 95161-2841.

Recipe For Romance

Take athletic, 37 y.o. GWF (Midwest variety), attractively seasoned with humor, affection, common sense, intelligence and warm singing/speaking voice. (This one is "Xtra" brand: strong, active, stocky and firm.) Blend with active woman, 28-38, having good sense of humor, love of outdoors, sports and spontaneity. Add in good conversation, massage, compassion for others and independent spirit; let mixture simmer in chemistry. Drop onto golf course, tennis court, softball diamond, swimming pool or campground (or other fun environment). If blend rises to hot temperature, add kisses and place between sheets... however, make sure friendship ingredients gel first. Can be transported on motorcycle to karaoke and comedy clubs, movies, beaches, long walks or anywhere good friends gather. Friendship recipe serves many... relationship option serves two. Reply BT Box DC11A or call ★★2596.

I Love To Explore

The wilderness and seek a companion who loves to backpack, canoe and/or bike the mountains or desert. I enjoy sharing the spoken words of poetry and the unspoken beauty of silence. I believe in bringing peace to my own life and to the world through meditation, compassion and honest, direct communication. I want a friend and potential lover who is passionate, full of good humor, over 40 and spiritually grounded. Reply BT Box DC12A or call ★★2597.

Soft, Affectionate And Kind

Desire to meet a heart and soul lesbian who has what it takes and is actively searching to create a wonderful, committed relationship. I've opened my heart to love and cherish the privilege of sharing my life. I delight in focusing each day on reinforcing connection, intimacy and attraction. Laughter, ethnic celebrations, Hannukah, Christmas, intimate dinners, music, walks and quiet times together appreciated. Family, friends, animals, home, social involvement, spiritual/personal growth essential. I'm attractive, loyal, compassionate. Let's meet and start to evolve by the holidays. Location not important. Especially attracted to women with some ethnic identity. Reply BT Box DC13A or call ★★2598.

A Feline's Xmas List

GBF, slender, 30, in search of athletic GF, between 28 and 38, who will: slay me with her sense of humor; spend quiet time alone together; enjoy R&B, jazz, cultic and 16th century music; purr in her appreciation of my catlike nature; at times take the initiative in our relationship; take an interest in movies, dancing, books, theater and religion. Call ★★2599.

Staying Power

Earth Feels Sacred the longer and slower we walk her. Part Cherokee pedestrian is transbay bi-coastal for arts escapades/collaborations, taking long walkin' talks' poetic license along urban gypsy trails. Forget the meat markets. Other semi-retired, trim, accountable, health-consciously gallant lesbian: share playful "laptime" (non-sexual awhile), and mutual generositease—my fitness training, promotional or personal writing, stage/window design, healing, etc. For your skills, talents, storage. Aloha! Call ★★2600.

Hello

I am attracted to women who are diverse, intelligent and humorous (which I am also) and who are also feminine (which I am not, more androgynous). I would expect to have some interests in common with you, but my long-term relationship would be with a woman with whom I can expand and learn—a woman who is not my clone. I appreciate women who are self-sufficient and "alone" as well as being nurturing and "there." Monogamy important. I also like children and everybody's pets. I am, in my therapist's words, a creative, complex, multi-faceted, humorous woman. (I agree, but am shy about saying so.) I am also 45 years old, fit, 5'9", avid swimmer, artist. Looking for an attractive woman, 30 and up, possessed of patience, self-knowledge and lots of kind good humor. No smoking, drugs. Respond by mail to: Personal, 1442-A Walnut St., #429, Berkeley 94709 or call ★★2601.

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SHARED INTEREST

Please Note

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Male Knitters

Meet biweekly in SF to knit & socialize. All levels welcomed—everything from beginners to would-be designers. Call ★★2655.

BABL: Bay Area Book Lovers

A group of gays and lesbians who read fiction as if fiction mattered, and who voice opinions—as the name suggests. Send your name, address/telephone and names of the five authors you admire (besides Shakespeare) to: Box 6, 2336 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★2656. (To be more explicit: lovers of Collins, Steele, King, Michener, et al., please don't bother yourselves.)

"And Hath Made Of One Blood All Nations..."

God created a rainbow of people, let us return that rainbow of wholeness back to Him. I am looking for other gay and lesbian Christian Charismatics or Pentecostals who would be interested in forming a bible study, a family and eventually a church. I John 4:7,8; Acts 17:26; I Corinth. 12:1-13. Call ★★2657.

Have Dog, Will Walk?

Looking for dog-walking companion(s) in San Francisco. Prefer Golden Gate Park, Buena Vista Park and Presidio area since I live near Geary and Masonic. Call ★★2658.

Eigo O Naratte Imasu Ka?

I am learning Japanese. Let's get together and teach each other. Call ★★2659.

Single For The Holidays?

I would like to expand my network of friends. Looking for 37 + professional, business, artistic or other women with varied interests who want to develop some more friendships and start by sharing some activities during the holidays as well as to continue to get together during the year. Maybe a potluck Christmas nutcracker dinner on Christmas eve, plus other activities during the rest of the year—cultural events, dining out. Other ideas are welcome. Not interested in heavy drinking or drugs. Call or write. Reply BT Box DC600A or call ★★2660.

Heart And Spirit

A leaderless group for processing feelings, meditations and ritual. To bridge the external and internal transitions in our lives. For women 35 and over who have therapy experience and are comfortable with their own spiritual practice. Meet in SF. Call ★★2661.

Sailing Friends

PLWA wants to meet others for mid-week sailing. I have 29′ cascade cruising sloop, "Sangoma," berthed at South Beach Marina. Advanced sailors I can learn more skills from, or if interested but feel rusty on your skills—welcome. Not interested in racing. All others, including PLWAs and physically challenged women, men and young people of all ages—welcome. Relaxing, fun, supportive sailing is what I enjoy. Call ★★2662.

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China Doll

5′4″, 118 lbs., intelligent and fun-loving, seeks strong, masculine and caring man. Pls send photo/phone number. Write today to Boxholder, 633 Post St., Box 18, SF 94109. P.S. I'm not a bitch.

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BISEXUAL

Bottom? Switch?

Bi man desires a woman for dom/sub play. No requirements. From easy light role playing games to heavier leathery stuff, and all between. I am mature, attractive, clean and healthy, HIV-. Looking for safe, sane, consensual play leading to mutual satisfaction. Call or write. Reply BT Box DC300A or call ★★2625.

Free Your Mind!

Be color blind, don't be so shallow. The funky divas have the right idea. After 10 years this smart, sarcastic, gorgeous "Grace tones" looking B/Bi/F is ready to try men again. Seeking a strong, funny, bi/gay man who is mature, attractive and addicted to dancing, hilarity and hot safe sex. Sorry, no blonds. I do chaps and garter belts with equal ease. Do you? Reply BT Box DC301A or call ★★2626.

A Girlfriend And A Boyfriend?!?

Ever felt you really need both? Well, you might have stumbled into just the right place! If you are a bisexual woman now you have the opportunity to explore your heart's true desire in a playful nonthreatening way with an affectionate, creative female/male couple around 30, with interests in hiking, gardening, the arts, etc. Check us out! A balanced triadic relationship may not be the most easily accomplished task, but most worthwhile things in life aren't. Call ★★2627.

Tri-it You'll Like It

BiWMale, 30-something, 6′, 190 lbs., college educated, seeking couple and/or bi female to share in encounters of the third kind. Call ★★2628.

32-Yr-Old Bodybuilder

Like movies, dinner, cuddling? Me: Very masculine, brown hair & moustache, 5′9″, 160#, in top shape with well-built chest, career-oriented, intelligent, good sense of humor. Don't smoke, use drugs or go to bars. You: Versatile, 18-38, in great physical shape, not into gay scene, and very, very masculine. Let's talk—leave message for callback. Photo would be appreciated (will return). Write: Boxholder, PO Box 14504, SF 94114 or call ★★2629.

The Good Life

Bisexual side emerging. Looking to meet very wise and wonderful women and men to discuss "the good life"—enjoying both men and women. I'm shy but passionate and alive and ready to explore new ways of sexual awareness. I am blnd/blue, 31, 5′11″, 150#, writer, traveler, naturalist. Enjoy world beat to classical, solitude to parties. Live in the mountains but love the city lights too. Reply BT Box DC302A or call ★★2630.

Temple Of Doom

That's the temple not of Indiana Jones but of everything that fails by default because it is not even seriously attempted for fear it might not work. To be found in it is not the lost ark but the lost opportunities of people who restrict the type of relationships they allow themselves to have—such as women whose hearts yearn to love and be with both women and men but instead force themselves to always give up something. Can balanced triadic relationships work? Successful examples exist. Then why not explore these issues with a sweet, playful female, 33, and a sensitive, romantic male, 28. You have nothing to lose but a stamp. PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★2631.

Fun & Games

30s-appearing, dark-haired, bearded, submissive GM, latent bisexual, seeks MF couple for fantasy sex. Cockslave wants couple (or more) to share me, let me worship your bodies. Or, have me & one partner both submit to the other. Take turns? Catch us fooling around? What's your fantasy? Mainly into CB, mouths, hands, will learn pussy/tits as commanded. Not ass-oriented, but flexible. Absolutes: imaginative, playful, safe, no pain (reasonable spanking OK). Pluses: HIV-, foreskin, Asians, Latins, interracial couples, short, thin/moderate build, non-hairy bodies, 30s/20s, queer/artist/punk sensibility, fag/dyke playmates, hair statements, rituals, bondage, WS, body-painting, hair-trimming. Call ★★2632.

BiWM Seeks Couple (M/F)

I'm 38 y.o., HIV- and play safe. I've been gay for 10 years and I'm interested in having women in my life again. I'm tired of choosing one gender over another. I want both genders in my life. I'm open to transgender people as well. Call ★★2633.

Abuse Object...

And other role play. BiWM, mostly submissive, seeks others for safe scenes. I'm attractive, late 30s, 5′6″, 125 lbs., with a smooth, boyish body and a grown up mind. You? Basically the kind of person who would read through this ad. Call ★★2634.

(Non-Vanilla) Life Begins At 40?

Bisexual man, 40.04, switchable (I think), novice (I know), seeks similar (or disparate) damsel, distress optional, for doing wild things. I'm tall, pseudo-svelte, have a short beard, (gorgeous) long blond hair & (brilliant) blue eyes. Critical thinking, compassionate loquacity, psychological sophistication. Humor, irony are major aphrodisiacs. Light psychobabble okay. If you count Em-

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Handsome, Fun And A Good Heart
Single, professional, BiWM, 40, 6 ft., 175#, HIV-, enjoys CW dancing, cinema, cooking, horseback riding, outdoor activities, gardening, friends, stimulating conversation. Seeks dynamic, honest and affectionate female (30-45) for friendship and possible long-term relationship. Reply BT DC303A.

MEN

Androgynous Bottom
My fantasy: having a warm, intelligent, handsome, masculine companion who can tap into my androgynous, feminine energies in total private and confidence. I'm an attractive, masculine WM, bottom, 44, 5'9", 160#, smooth, professional, seeking a slender, oversexed top with a safe, kinky, adventurous attitude (well-endowed a+). I'm HIV+ & asymptomatic, single, non-promiscuous, open-minded, discreet & desiring similar. Also enjoy thoughtful conversation, massage, FF, toys. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 640084, SF 94164-0084 or call ★★2675.

Muscular Midwestern Boy
Hunky 6 ft GWM, 27, 160#, br/bl, 30 waist, is well-educated, very athletic, HIV+, healthy, versatile and easygoing. I'm originally from northern Minnesota and constantly traveling to the Bay Area, possibly moving west very soon and would like to meet up with similar, versatile guys or couples, 25-40 y.o., for hot, fun, safe, good times. Please send photo and honest letter. Reply BT Box DC70A.

Marriage Material, But...
Long courtships are more my style. How about evenings at the opera, movies, spicy ethnic dives, sunspot weekends, a big Christmas tree, a good bottle of wine, home-made pasta for a few friends, and lovemaking beside a crackling fire. Winter is coming and I'd like to settle in with compact (under 5'8", 150#), smooth, dark-haired (Asian? Mediterranean?) guy between 28-35. I'm 40, stocky, HIV-, drug/tobacco-free, witty, worldly, creative, unconventional, self-employed and very involved. While looks and a working dick are appealing, I find humor, an outgoing, adventurous personality and a fully functioning brain much more important. Call ★★2676.

HIV- & Self-Esteem+
No drugs, very little alcohol, looking for all the above in a spiritually growing GM under 35. I'm from the East Coast and am relationship-oriented, college-educated, blond/blue and 29. I love my work, art, jazz, travel, eating out, dancing. And you? Call ★★2677.

First To Last
Attractive, masculine, athletic Asian, seeks strong, masculine professional, 20s to 30s. I'm 5'10" and 150 lbs. I want someone who defies "types," who sees me as a friend, not a fetish. This is my first ad. Call ★★2678.

Knows You're Out There
WM, masculine, 36, seeks handsome, intelligent man to early 40s. I'm especially attracted to easy-going, masculine men who are career-oriented but like to have a good time. I'm a youthful-looking professional with many interests, well-defined body, medium build, considered very attractive, fairly discreet, bottom oriented. Must be experienced in leather scene. Bearded a plus. Call ★★2679.

Everlasting Cool Crystal Water
Tired? Thirsty? Forlorn? Wandering in circles? Get up! Look up above! Heaven sent you a 27 y.o. Eurasian with a beautiful smile & body. Blk/brn, 5'7", 140 lbs., HIV-, emotionally and mentally sound, faithful, compassionate, honest, unsuperficial, energetic, adventurous, hilarious, art-, music-, nature-lover, big/stronghearted, with imperfect human being qualities. If you share the same qualities, then drink from this everlasting glass of cool clear water. Revitalize! And let him find you the way out. Send most recent picture and letter for his. Reply BT Box DC71A.

Wanted: Genuine Bay Area Guy
GWM, 40, 5'7", stocky & buffed & living in San Francisco. I'm looking for that special quality Black or Latino guy around my age to spend great times together. Like me, you are confident, educated, love to travel, enjoy keeping fit and are seeking that special guy with whom to build a loving and sincere relationship. So, let's give it a try! Call ★★2680.

Fun And Games
GWM, 36, 6'2", 190#, brown hair, cleanshaven, good-looking, HIV-, nonsmoking, well-educated, East Bay professional seeks similar GWM/GAM, 25-40, for fun and games, including hiking, biking, music, dinner, movies, travel and card games. Looking for friendship and maybe more. If your idea of fun and games is similar, please call. Call ★★2681.

A Worthwhile Guy
Interests include cycling, schmoozing, multimedia, food, gardening, Miss Manners, Ask Isadora, movies, flippant humor, people who read, opera, "modern" rock, bold fashion statements, a good museum and a committed relationship (but not necessarily with whomever answers this ad). I am a 39 y.o. technical writer. You are probably 30 to 50 y.o. and share some of the above interests. No Republicans, poodle owners or est graduates, please. Reply Boxholder, 5856 College Ave., #214, Oakland 94618 or call ★★2682.

A Great Opportunity
Semi-retired executive is looking for companion that is young, slim, good-looking, educated and in shape. Would like to share my interests in business/investments & travel. Must be committed, serious and willing to dedicate yourself to serve my interests for 10 yrs. This is a serious offer and is open to students, Asians, (under 30), gay or straight men willing to give of themselves to achieve their desires. Send letter & photo to 19019 Pacific Hwy, South, #287, Seattle, WA 98188.

Cut To The Chase
Handsome, educated, GWM, 41, 6'2", 205#, bl/br, moustache, HIV+, healthy, nonsmoking, athletic (gym & jog 5 times a week), romantic, passionate, intense. Enjoy: dining out, Europe, coastal drives, classical/blues/jazz/new age music (no C&W), ferry rides on Bay, Angel Island hikes. Seeking GWM of similar background, disposition, interests & activities to share experiences with, both in & out of bed, on which we can build a relationship. No 12-steppers or leather types please. Let's meet for anything except coffee. Call ★★2683.

Straight-Appearing, Handsome Man
Likes to entertain and be entertained by blue-collar working stiffs and other very masculine men. I'm 5'10", 180#, built solidly, 8" uncut and a very healthy positive. You are 5'9" or taller, 35+ and built well. You will have fun if you call! Call ★★2684.

Hispanic Hunk
Handsome, 6'2", 185#, 35, fit mind and body. Educated, easygoing, with much to offer the right person. You are tall, blond/brown hair and in good shape. You have interests and are looking for more than a one-nighter. I am strong, but am weakened by attractive fair-haired guys who look into my dark eyes and smile! Photo please. Reply BT Box DC72A or call ★★2685.

It's So Hard
To meet a muscle man who is relationship-oriented. This 6'3", 42 y.o., HIV-, GWM is looking for a sincere, muscular bodybuilder type, any race, who is approximately my age. My ideal man would have (or should have) appeared in a muscle magazine and is between 37 to 47 y.o. I'm good-looking, financially secure, stable, professional. I work out twice weekly but body still under construction. My interests include foreign travel, movies, romantic dinners and quiet nights at home. While I have been known to use muscle magazines and muscle videos to excite me, I much prefer a live, rock-hard man to love and worship. Let me show you that all your hard work at sculpting your body was worth it. If interested, please write BT Box DC73A or call ★★2686.

Seeking Buddy
PWA, 44, seeks buddy for dinners, walks, cuddling & more. I'm attractive, fun, w/good sense of humor & attitude, stable health & bright. Call me & let's take it from there. Call ★★2687.

Yes, It's Possible
To meet someone to relate to with body, mind and soul. Attractive GWM, mid-30s, 5'10", 170 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, seeks Asian or Latino man. I'm a loving, caring friend with many interests including music, film, biking, reading, traveling and languages. I'm cultured and educated with a good sense of humor, open and sympathetic. I like conversation but also quiet cuddling and loving. Give a call or write a line. Reply BT Box DC74A or call ★★2688.

Dream Weavers
Two creative, earthy, North Coast country men, sexy, mid-40s, are searching for a hot, plowing top. If you are earthy, rough around the edges, ruggedly handsome, "hairy" man with a purpose, weaver of dreams, wearer of scuffed boots and a need to plug into a bit of heaven, then we invite you to reply. Photo please. HIV+ welcome. Boxholder, PO Box 945, Mendocino 95460.

Don't Be Afraid Of The "Burbs"
GWM, 41, 5'11", 170#, brown eyes, thinning brown hair. Healthy, gym or bike ride 4x/week because I like eating well too. HIV-, nonsmoker, light drinker. Enjoy: socializing with many gay and straight friends, cards, movies, theater, travel, dinners, classes, art, even some bars. Shy around new people, but warm up quickly. Had long-term loving relationships; know that it's possible again. Witty and a little sarcastic. Financially stable, but don't ask to see my last Mastercard bill. Alive in Walnut Creek. Looking to develop relationship with similar age/interests. Call ★★2689.

Seeking Older Male
If you're in your late 50s to 60s, HIV-, experienced in the oral arts and definitely endowed, 7" or more a must (thick a++) and interested in a discreet, long-term, romantic relationship with a married, BiWM, early 40s, 6 ft., 170 lbs., cleanshaven, cute looking, HIV-, trim body and very clean, send photo/letter to: PO Box 1026, Belmont 94002 or call ★★2690.

Asian "Little Prince"
Where are you? This young-looking GWM, 41, 5'8", slim, romantic, relationship-oriented is looking for you. Show me again what love is. I would like to cuddle your smooth, young body and have long conversations with you. Honesty and sincerity are a must. A good sense of humor a plus. HIV-, NS, drugs; weight-proportionate only. Call! Call ★★2691.

Husky Dad Now Available
Masculine, straight-acting and looking, bearded, nice face, 6', 220#, stocky, HIV-, cuddly, professional, sports-minded outdoorsman with a sense of humor and balance has much to share but can't find the right "care bear" or "care cub" to hibernate with or comb hair with. Help in the search by sending facial photo and phone to PO Box 722, Campbell 95009 or call ★★2692.

Intimacy
GWM seeks friend and lover. I'm 36, bright blue, brown, 6', 185#, NS, ND, HIV-, top with Tom Selleck looks. Creative, educated, successful and involved. Some faves: chamber music, burritos, hiking up Mt. Tallac. You probably are early 30s, in good shape, recovering Cathoholic, independent, educated and confident. I often fall for Mediterranean/Latin and black Irish features. Most of all, you are capable of change and intimacy. Reply BT Box DC75A or call ★★2693.

Looking For "Mister Normal"
GWM, 40, 5'7", 195 lbs. This bearded, small bear not looking for "Mister Perfect." Am looking for normal men, not obsessed with working out and in-shape bodies. Looking to spend nights cuddling and having fun sharing normal American pastimes like movies, dinner (at home), TV and snacking (popcorn, etc.). Sharing emotionally, physically and sexually. Please don't be perfect because I'm not! Call ★★2694.

Take A Chance On Me
Hi! I'm looking for friends and poss. relationship. I'm very attractive GAM, 30, 5'8", 140#, straight-acting and down-to-earth. I enjoy outdoors: surfing, skiing, backpacking, etc. Also enjoy gym, dancing, dinner out or quiet evening at home. If you are GWM, 21-28, good-looking, masculine and willing to like me for what I am, I hope you'll call me. But, most importantly, you must be honest and nonsmoker. Let's meet for coffee or... Call ★★2695.

Dedicated Meditator, Writer, Gym-Workouter
And professional seeks that special man in my life. I'm a handsome, brown-haired, clear blue-eyed, 5'9", 150#, moustachioed, gym-defined, HIV-, substance-free vegetarian and young-looking 43 GWM. Enjoy reading, friends, walking, oil massage, cooking, movies and world travel. Live in North Bay, but have a car. If you're similar and also communicative, loving, reliable and wanting to discover a rare man, contact me. Photo welcome. Reply BT Box DC76A or call ★★2696.

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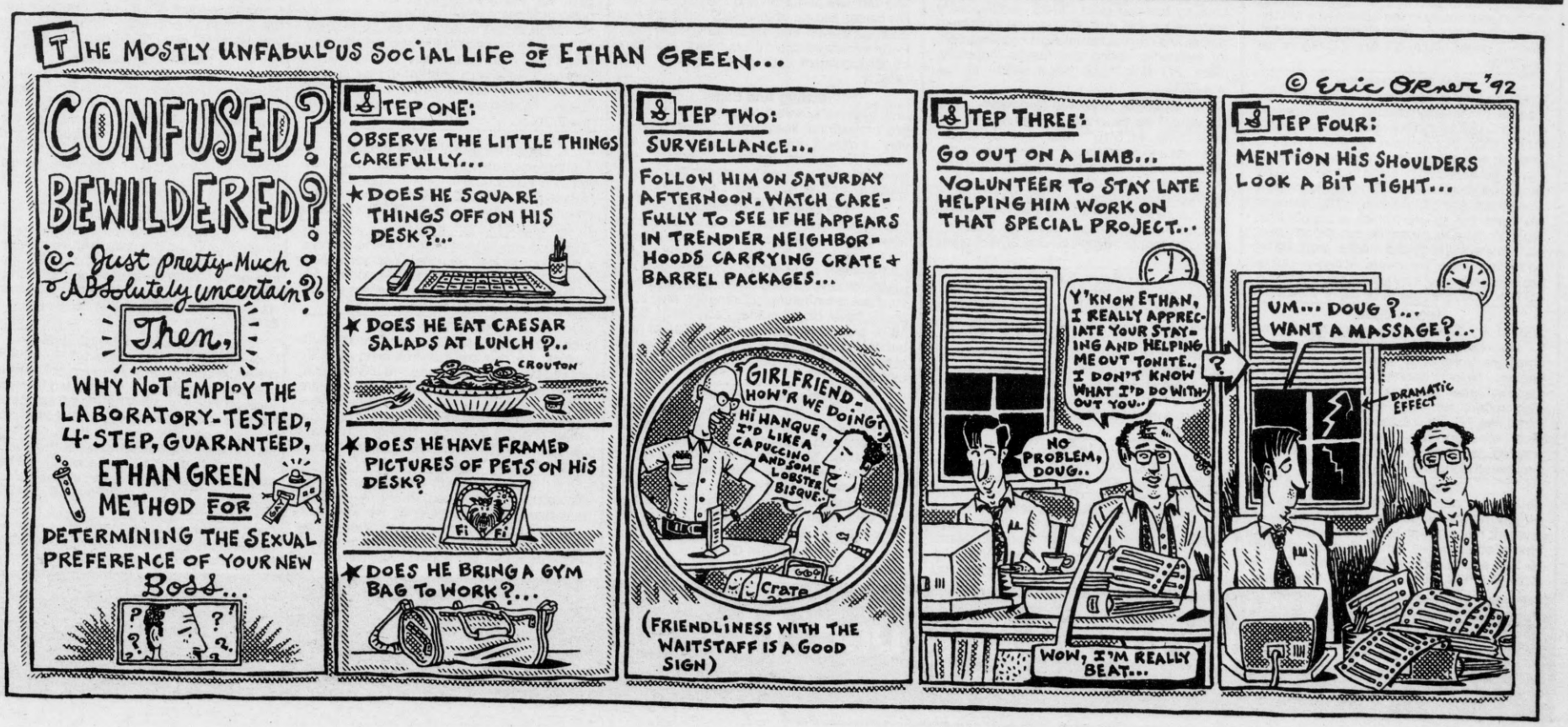
Looking for a mate who will be my friend & lover to share a life together. I'm a caring, loving, sensitive and giving man. Want to share quiet times, theater, hiking, SF Giants, 49ers. Like to play cards, read, walk, the outdoors, movies & fine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restaurants. I'm 5'10½", 175 lbs., brown hair, green eyes, NS, ND, HIV-, top WM. You are 30+, HIV-, bottom, funny, morning person, varied interests and are happy with who you are. Let's meet & if there is a spark let's see what develops. Call ★★2697.

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Do you get off on the grunts, groans and sweat of phony action? Good Guys vs. Bad Guys, illegal tactics on the ropes, GWA & Luche Libre, chokeholds, grudges, gouging and, whoa, an elbow to the head? Tagteam action? Hard-on QWM, 42, 6', 175 lbs., HIV, fit, gdlkg, seeks mat buddies. No-pain grapplers, video matmen, respond with roughhouse letter and phone #. Reply BT Box DC77A.

Flex Your Muscles

WM, 5'6", 155 lbs., seeks muscular guy of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★2698.

Heart And Soul

Physically active, trim, professional, Asian, 44, 5'9", seeks a similar gym-toned, cleanshaven, altruistic WM for sharing eclectic experiences and being an adventurous companion. We enjoy ethnic foods, cultural arts, travel, camping, gardening, films, sports, workouts and humorous to intellectual conversations. With sincerity and sensitivity, we are capable of developing a relationship through mutual bonding based on our masculinity and maturity. Respond to PO Box 27024, SF 94127 or call ★★2699.

Policeman Seeks Buddy

GWM, 36, HIV-, in-shape, looking for a masculine GWM buddy who's 26-46 ±, HIV-, enjoys hiking, camping, workouts, Lake Tahoe and hanging out. This is a friendship/relationship ad. Please send recent photo. Any single law enforcement officers out there? Reply BT Box DC78A.

A Lot Lost; A Lot Learned; A Lot Left

The epidemic has cost me a great deal: my cherished lover; many friends; the promise of a long life; grief, anxiety, sadness; and loss of some of the sense of lightness in life (Anyone still reading?). However, I still have a lot left: an active, ironic sense of humor; passion for many things/activities great and small (classical music, playing the piano, travel, Italy, Paris, literature, the arts, gardening, nature, men, sex); a good body (41 y.o., good-looking, HIV+, healthy, bl/brn/balding, moustache, 5'6", 140#, muscular/fit, other appealing physical characteristics); a deeply satisfying profession (psychologist); great family and friends; a comfortable home. I've survived so far sadder yet softer, somewhat heavier in tone yet deeper in purpose, less narcissistic/materialistic but more spiritual, more independent yet more conscious of our interdependence, stronger yet more flexible. I also still have the capacity for joy, playfulness and powerful sexual attractions. I'd like to meet reasonably fit and attractive men, approx. 37-47, HIV+ or -, psychologically minded and mature to see if some type of companionship might develop. Please write and include a photo. Reply BT Box DC79A or call ★★2700.

Time On My Hands...

Could be time in your arms! An indescribably creative, sensitive and sensual, vibrant lovemaker (and a damn good conversationalist), I'm 25, 5'11", 190#, blond/brown, crewcut. I want to meet up with other high adventurers who, like myself, get turned on by being themselves—and living to tell about it. Walks on the beach, romantic dinners out, and chill Autumn nights by the fire are great, but so are picnics at Land's End, brunches in undiscovered neighborhoods, mystical reminiscing under full moons, and working up a sweat under the covers. Act now—operators are standing by! Your letter & photo get mine. PO Box 14322, SF 94114 or call ★★2701.

Hippie Dude

WM, 41, 6', 185#, brn/grn, specs, healthy—no S.T.D.s, reader, traveler, gardener. Into art, architecture, archaeology, carpentry, culture, food, geology, history, hockey, landscape design, masonry, urban planning, walking, wilderness, most music, sun, sky, sea. Seeking similar masculine, NS, no substance abuse, independent, self-supporting, happy, honest, earth-oriented, zany WM. Extra points: 6'+, well-built, long-haired blond. 1827 Haight, #117, SF 94117.

This Too Will Pass

So while it's passing, this affectionate, loving, intelligent, humorous, compassionate, creative, irreverent, nature-loving teddy bear would like to meet another chunky, firm-bodied man to snuggle with and to explore life's mysteries. I am a GWM, 45, 5'8", 180#, hazel eyes, gray/brown pony tail, moustache, HIV-. I create beautiful gardens; enjoy hiking, film, music, travel and art; I am a hospice volunteer and my life is based in meditation. My intention is to meet a virile, bearded, firm-bodied man who is in touch with his heart and wishes to share of himself. This man is somewhat countercultural or bohemian, hopefully grounded in meditation or in some other spiritual pursuit, and in possession of a sincere sense of humor. He is unafraid of intimacy, prone to awareness, not lost in attitude, and happy that he has been sentenced to life on earth. If this applies to you, please don't hasten to take the jump. Let's free fall. Please include a photo with written reply to: Occupant, 38 Miller Ave., Suite 126, Mill Valley 94941 or call ★★2702.

Bright Eyes Seeks Asian

Are you a slim, cleanshaven GAM (under 45) who is (as I am) loving, kind, caring, sincere, honest, healthy? If so, this GWM, 6', 180#, 30s, pleasant-looking, hazel eyes, soft brown hair, is seeking you for friendship, companionship, hopefully more. I currently live in Virginia. But please don't let that stop you as I would gladly relocate for the right person. I'm a nice person with a good heart, so why don't we get to know each other? Call ★★2703.

Naturalism Devotees

Seek kindred spirit who understands and practices the simple, profound concept of "letting go and letting Nature." You will see life's bigger picture beyond self, and will know inner peace and joy, will revel in life's simple pleasures, will not be a grabber, will be free of unhealthy motives, will know lasting spiritual love. GWM, young 45, musician/teacher, Myers-Briggs "INFP." PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★2704.

Escape

If you like pina coladas and getting caught in the rain,/ If you're not into Yoga and have half a brain (at least),/ If you'd like making love at midnight on the dunes of the Cape,/ Then I'm the love that you've looked for, write to me and escape.... Just kidding. My best friend told me to write that. Me: 21, 5'8", 150, brn, grn, fair complexion (Caucasian), average build, into snow skiing (novice), trendy restaurants, living beyond my means, old movies. You: 21-30something, weight proportionate to height, Caucasian/Latin, into your career, masculine, preferably suburban, interested in forming a stable relationship. If you don't know every song Madonna has ever recorded, it's okay because I don't either. I am HIV- and you should be too. If you have not been tested, I recommend you do so, the relief of stress is great! Boxholder, 1547 Palos Verdes, #266, Walnut Creek 94596 or call ★★2705.

Nice Guys Finish First

With me. I'm GWM, 37, 5'11", 170#, brn/brn, moustache, HIV+, healthy, highly educated professional, nonsmoker, easygoing, Catholic turned Episcopalian/MCC. I enjoy movies, old TV shows, good music, dancing, sports, beaches, sunsets, traveling, country or city, suits or jeans. Looking for nice guys, 30-45, professionally employed, stable, mature, who are not into head games and can hold an intelligent conversation, for friendship, dating and maybe (hopefully) more. PO Box 7142, Napa 94558 or call ★★2706.

Muscular And Well-Endowed

But without the usual attitude. Handsome, versatile GWM, 44, 5'10", 185#, with brown hair, blue eyes and moustache. That's what you'll see. Personally, I'm flexible, stable professional who offers intelligence, sensitivity and self-discipline. My life balances career, physical training, spiritual and cultural interests. I want to meet relationship-oriented men of any race, ages 30-44. Photo appreciated/returned. Reply BT Box DC80A or call ★★2707.

Extra, Extra

GWM, 39 (yes, really!), 180#, 6'1", HIV-, nonsmoker, professional, mid-Peninsula, seeks similar for long-term relationship. I enjoy hikes in the surrounding hills, movies (no violence, please), world-wide travel, gourmet cooking and quiet, relaxing, romantic evenings at home.... If you know who you are, what you want and are ready to start living life to its fullest, I sure hope you'll give me a call. Reply BT Box DC81A or call ★★2708.

I'm Hung....

Up on finding good friends. GWM, 34, seeks GWMs similar age for honest, sincere, fun, platonic friendships and help in relocating to SF from Atlanta in near future. Me: attractive, blond/blue, moustache, trim beard, 6', 170 lbs., HIV-. Interests include movies, dining, music (Stansfield, jazz my faves), cars, travel, walking, hiking, beach. Nonsmokers preferred; no drugs a must (social drinking okay). Reply BT Box DC82A or call ★★2709.

Attention: Older Men, 60 And Over

If you're long overdue for that right (special) guy, know what you want & are not afraid to go after it. Inner self is more important than physical looks—some of us are genuinely turned on by older men. I'm a Black man, early 40s, affectionate, loving, understanding, hung, good-looking, etc. Please be serious. Let's meet first as friends and see where this takes us. Reply BT Box DC83A or call ★★2710.

San Jose Area Asians/Latins

Smooth-assed, soft-skinned boys are invited to apply for long-term relationship with hairy, masculine but affectionate leather master, 38 and HIV-. If you would like to learn the ropes, on your belly, white daddy rapes, rides and safely rewards his good boy (and, be forewarned, daddy likes to ride for a long time), then write now, with phone number. Ability to develop tolerance for pain and enjoy some mutual ball-stretching is required (as is patience, boy, for daddy is in Australia until after New Year's—maybe you can cum along next time). Adaptable tops also welcome. Boxholder, 5 Town & Country Village, Box 728, San Jose 95128.

Mutual Affection

Wanted by very handsome, intelligent, masculine, romantic, healthy, asymptomatic HIV+, 38-year-old GWM artist, 6', 160 lbs., dark brown hair, blue eyes, cleanshaven, lean swimmer's/gym body with great hairy chest. Interests include art, music, dancing, travel, film, hiking, etc. Looking for companionship, affection, sex and intimacy from another handsome, gym-toned GWM under 40 who is together, bright, a good kisser, has personality and sense of humor (like me). Photo and letter. Reply BT Box DC84A or call ★★2711.

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Buffed daddy type, some leather, some discipline, mostly fun & good humor seeks asymptomatic buddy for play, romantic moments, cuddles & moans. Enjoy gallery hopping, acting up (war's not over), piercings, cycling, poetry & dungeons. Nonsmoker. Occasionally rave (but not at parties). Photo gets same or call. Reply BT Box DC85A or call ★★2712.

Made In Heaven

Attractive, professional, Jewish GWM, 6'1", 170 lbs., young 52, HIV-, NS, seeks a compatible man for a long-term, committed relationship. I have many & varied interests including tennis, skiing, classical music, travel. Strong "traditional values": honesty, loyalty, community service. If you are HIV-, NS, 35-55 yrs. old and interested in a caring, trusting, monogamous relationship, here's your chance! Reply BT Box DC86A or call ★★2713.

All-American Boy

Very good-looking, athletic, GWM, 33 (look about 27—not that it would be bad to look 33!), 6'1", brown hair, blue eyes, well-hung, work out daily and very well built. HIV- and into hot, safe sex. I'm career and health-oriented, intelligent and clean-cut/shaven. Seeking similar type any race. Photo a must (will return if requested). You won't be disappointed! Let's meet. Reply BT Box DC87A.

Mature And Eager

Very submissive, skilled, responsive, trim, attractive, professional, liberal, 58 y.o. MGWM seeks very dominant, intense but considerate top master for regular sessions of control and pleasure and hopefully long-term relationship. Prefer SF or East Bay areas. Call ★★2714.

I'm Ready For Christmas

I've experienced the bars, looked hard, kissed a few frogs, and didn't find my prince charming. I'm still ready to find my 25-32-year-old, white, cleanshaven, non-balding, nonsmoking, HIV-junior executive (preppy/conservative or better). To share a fun future including the arts, symphony, travel, bicycling and beach. I'm 31, 6'3", 183#, brown hair, blue eyes, full head of hair, handsome, professional, and want to make lots of time in my life for you. Reply BT Box DC88A or call ★★2715.

Romantic But Realistic

45, WM, HIV+, 6', 185#, smooth, moustache, looking for employed, healthy, HIV+, who is hairy, bearded and hungry for a passionate no-holds-barred affair with a versatile butt-player who likes it all—safely—with moderate vices. Folsom-oriented. Prefer men 40+. Not into boys. Kinky scenes considered but humanity & passion first. Older men get high priority. Crazy for full, thick beards. Call—let's chat. Call ★★2716.

Southern GWM

Attractive 37 y.o., 5'8", 154#, hairy chest, body, 'stache, hazel eyes, fit, intelligent & social. Enjoy bicycling, reading, politics, tennis, chess, good liquor & wine (not an alcoholic). Enjoy meeting attractive, intelligent, gay men who are very self-assured & love & know themselves with no addictions. SF only please. Call ★★2717.

Stable-Tender-Romantic

Mature GWM, 52, 155#, 5'11", gray/blue, HIV-. I am caring, dynamic, energetic, sincere, vibrant. You: healthy, HIV-, affectionate, weight in proportion to height; bottom or versatile; willing to commit time, patience and energy to build a lifetime friendship/relationship. Your photo gets mine. Box 31854, SF 94131 or call ★★2718.

Daytime Escapade

Handsome Asian, 32, athletic, nonsmoker, clean, HIV-, seeks a healthy, HIV- GWM for daytime, hot, safe sex affair. Married or bi a plus. Boxholder, PO Box 347325, SF 94134 or call ★★2719.

Romantic, But Slightly Cynical

Affectionate and demonstrative, stable and communicative young 41-year-old, 5'10½", 160 lbs., dark brown curly hair, green eyes, trim beard, hairy, seeks energetic man who is comfortable with intimacy, sensitive to the feelings of others. I have a healthy lifestyle (natural foods, no drugs), varied interests (esp. languages, current events), good (sometimes crazy) sense of humor, am very oral. Call ★★2720.

Just Close Your Eyes

Just close your eyes and you may dream the darkness isn't what it seems, but something lithe and loose that glides from tin-pan shadows to your side. Just close your eyes and you may feel the midnight brush against your heel. It's only me; I promise you to prowl the alleys, avenues, where you have felt the darkness fall the hardest, we will walk them all. Call ★★2721.

Play Me Backwards

Hi—I'm interested in meeting brown or blond-haired GWM or tallish Asian (or Eurasian) for private recreations. Please be above average in looks and intelligence with a sense of humor and adventure. I'm 35, tall, thin, easy on the eyes and in a unique situation. Call ★★2722.

Romantic Outdoorsman

Handsome and sexy GWM, 53 (look 43), 5'10", 165#, blue eyes, trimmed beard, seeks attractive masculine man for potential lifemate. Interests include outdoors, hiking, organic vegetable gardening and weekend outings. I'm HIV-, nonsmoker and would prefer same. You are perhaps 10-20 years younger, have a good sense of humor, and are easy to be around. Balding and hairy pluses. Outdoors-oriented triple pluses. Call ★★2723.

European Student

Cute European student, 25, 5'10", 150#, looks for new friends in SF and Berkeley. My interests include hanging out, reading, Slavic languages, film, good-looking and fun boys my age. Call ★★2724.

Marry Me!

Bl/bl, tan, tennis pro, bottom, 5'6", 180 lbs., husky but sweet, great legs and smile seeks very masculine, strong, muscular, stable, hunky husband with a moustache for monogamous reasons. I'm HIV- but status doesn't bother me. I'm very fun. Like to laugh and smile, play, cuddle, kiss and touch, but I need a stable hunk to subdue me. You can always grow a moustache! Call ★★2725.

Let's Trade Our Home Videos

And then maybe meet each other for hot J/O session. I am 39 y.o., 5'5" short, in good shape, hairy legs, ass, nice dick. I'll send you my tape as soon as I get yours. Reply: PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★2726.

This good-sized hippie dick is looking to find a suck-buddy for long sessions of oral gratification. I'm not in a hurry. Age, race not important. Enthusiasm, good conversation, hairiness pluses. Reply BT Box DC89A or call ★★2727.

Please Help Me

Find you, a gay Asian who's comfortable with maturity. You're stable, drug-free, living within SF, not into the gay/fitness scene. I'm a GWM, 60s, retired, secure, monogamous. Both of us are sincere, affectionate, have strong values, serious interests, enjoy quiet lifestyles, want to build genuine, ongoing friendship. Neither of us plays games or looks for instant sex. Interested? So am I. Let's discover together. Call ★★2728.

The Shadow Of Your Smile

As we dance, embraced, slowly. We feel our developed bodies relaxing as we sip champagne. Our thoughts are on each other. During day we call each other at work, still refreshed. This morning we both hurried to our careers, the color radiating in our faces. Long, heated kisses and aggressive sex with compassion stimulate our souls. You're looking for a boyfriend, possibly a lover, not just my ass. Interested in developing a tight relationship—just the two of us. Believe in physical and emotional attraction. Our interests vary. I like fast cars, real estate, business page, my job, romancing you, thinking about you. We both are HIV-, under 40. I've got brown hair, eyes, stocky developed body, 175 lbs., 5'10". You: similar, weight proportionate to height. Reply: 2215-R Market St., #119, SF 94114 or call ★★2729.

Ladyboys

Mature, dominant GWM seeks macho Asian or other small, cute guy who enjoys wearing short skirts & lacey panties for safe play, including fantasy role-playing, spanking, bondage, massage & striptease. Long-hair, beautiful buns, great legs & smooth, tan skin appreciated. I am 6 ft., slim with fair complexion & dark blue eyes. I have a large collection of outfits from cheerleader to sexy lingerie. Please write or call. Reply BT Box DC90A or call ★★2730.

Happy Holidays

Wouldn't it be wonderful if that someone special, a warm, caring, genuine lover and friend would be there to celebrate the holidays this year? Still looking. GWM, 53, 5'8", 170#, seeks relationship for shared moments along life's way, for good times, great conversations, long leisurely dinners, getaway weekends, fun, relaxed sex and more. Risk. Call ★★2731.

Seeking Men

GWM, 34, brown hair, green eyes. I would like to meet other men in my age group who are looking for a relationship. I am an unconventional but decent person. I would prefer not to meet Christians. Call ★★2732.

Younger Man

BM, 45, 5'10", intellectual type with various interests seeks handsome, collegiate guys under 35 for fun and friendship. Must be open to the finer things in life, in good shape and enjoy the company of a warm, caring and sophisticated partner. I like men of all races, but am particularly attracted to those who combine warmth with seriousness, charm with dashing good looks and passion with sensitivity. Call ★★2733.

Hey! You In The Blue Volkswagen!

I saw you the first time on September 26 in Pleasanton, and have loved you ever since. You: BGM, 41, 6', 190 lbs., buffed and gorgeous. Me: green Mercedes, GWM, 40, 6'2", 175 lbs., adequate and adequate. Marry me? I love you!!! Please be my love and my valentine. Call ★★2734.

Older Seeks Younger

GWM, 59, 6'1", 205#, HIV- wants to meet GM, 21 to 40, for good times, getting to know each other, possible relationship. Call ★★2735.

Slim, Nonsmoking GWM

With moustache, would like to meet similar for sharing some of San Francisco's attractions & activities that are best enjoyed by two! Me: San Francisco resident, 40s, 6', 147 pounds with dark hair & moustache. Thanks—hope to hear from you! Reply BT Box DC91A or call ★★2736.

Within Your Intellect...

Let us allow our contrasting forms to merge in delicate simplicity as we circumscribe our realities to obtain those seeds of joy we have been sent to gather. Leave the orgasm till passion's set is played. Enjoy my ancient soul trembling with yours. I am Black, tall, ageless, open and charged with life. I am arrogant, supportive, creative, loving and honest. Laid back and bohemian. HIV-. Call ★★2737.

Black Daddy Top

6 ft., 195 lbs., 46-yr-old, seeks submissive bottoms, 35 to 55, eager to please and be pleased: titwork, massage, oral and good, old-fashioned, intense sex—safe of course—aroma; white or Latino a plus. Photo appreciated, will be returned. Contact: A., 1230 Market St., Box 615, SF 94102.

Sonoma County Dad-Type

Looking for his counterpart in someone 18-30, preferably slender, any race. I am bearded, exceptionally huggable, 53, interested in a wide variety of things, and very easy to talk to. Hopefully, you are sensuous, quietly cute or drop-dead gorgeous, shy or an outright exhibitionist, bright but not pompous, ambitious but not manipulative or a rip-off. This could be romantic or just a lot of casual fun, but it won't happen unless you take the next step. PO Box 1443, Forestville 95436 or call ★★2738.

If just the thought of me inside of you gets you aroused; then I want to be with/in you. GWM seeks passive sexual partner for hours of satiating

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sexual pleasure. I'm +/top/5'10"/hairy/beard/150 lbs. & horny. I want you to want me inside of you as much as I want to be inside of you. Call ★★2739.

Hose Me Down

To put it bluntly, straight-acting, very well-built, short, aggressive and curious, 46-year-old white guy wants to be on the receiving end of your recycled beer. Not into fucking, just getting hosed down good while you sneer. Bonus points if you are buffed like me, friendly, East Bay, uncut, and can squirt like a horse. Try it, you'll like it. Call ★★2740.

Inner Beauty Attracts

Compassionate, artist-type, solitary "INFP," healthy mind/body, seeks friend who listens to his inner spirit and can reciprocate high ideals. Important: friendship first, HIV-, thoughtful, naturalist, aware, adaptable, intuitive, healthy, spiritual, non-egocentric, love of self/beauty/nature, spontaneous. Enjoy: listening, sharing, thoughts/feelings/mutual experiences, animals, walks, quiet times, writing, exploring, music(-making), dining. Classical musician/teacher, GWM, young 45, 123#. PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★2741.

Musician Wanted

I'd like to meet a musical person who's into safe sex and enjoys being jacked off by another guy. Sound like fun? I'm a GWM, 46, 5'8", 170 lbs., br/bl, and am HIV-. Let's connect. Call ★★2742.

Massage Exchange

GWM, 46, would like to meet someone who enjoys contact, touch and massage, and would like to spend some time together working on—and playing with—each other. Call ★★2743.

Vestal Virgin

Virgin of 26 yrs., wants to have first sexual experience with man of my fantasies. I'm 6'2", 165 lbs., brown-skinned and strikingly very attractive. You must be 6'2" or taller, 18-35 yrs., very buffed to professional bodybuilder, disease-free, broad and open-minded, caring and affectionate. Please, true responses only. I want only the best man for the job. Send photo along with reply to BT Box DC92A or call ★★2744.

Please Be Yourself/Not Someone Else!

Myself, I'm 6'3", blond/brown/green, 198#, 29, runner and sports. I would like to meet a man who is financially secure, giving, loving, outgoing, relaxed, communicator and serious about meeting one man. If you're masculine, between 30-45, good-looking and nonsmoker and not into playing games then please drop a line. Moustaches and hairy are pluses, but not necessary. Be yourself! Happy holidays! Reply BT Box DC93A or call ★★2745.

Casual Dating

26, 5'8", 140#, well-built, not overproduced, bleachblond with brain, cleanshaven, pierced, very cute, intense, arrogant lion/affectionate kitten, hip nonconformist, life-smart and healing, mostly top, looking for very cute 20something queer boy, hipster or slacker who is communicative, affectionate and warm for coffee/movie dates and tender, passionate sex. Serious romance possible later. Smooth chests and skin sensitive to touch and tongue are a plus. Call ★★2746.

1993? Where Did '92 Go?

Irish American, 55, 5'5", 140#, gray-brown hair, blue eyes, sometimes cleanshaven, hairy, healthy, who can look beyond the superficial to find the real you inside, seeks mature GBM, GLM into movies, music, jazz, pop, but not a carbon copy. We take it slow, easy, see how it goes before we get down to it. Hey, can't hurt to try a different approach. Call ★★2747.

Asian/Latino Hunks

Who require very dedicated oral servicing will get eager attention from my mouth! No complications, just really great head from an attractive, fit and healthy, 47 y.o. WM. You should be willing to lay back nude & tell me how you want it. I'll comply and probably bring you off twice in one encounter. I'm good & you should try me! Call ★★2748.

Macho Queers & Cocky Little Bottom Brats

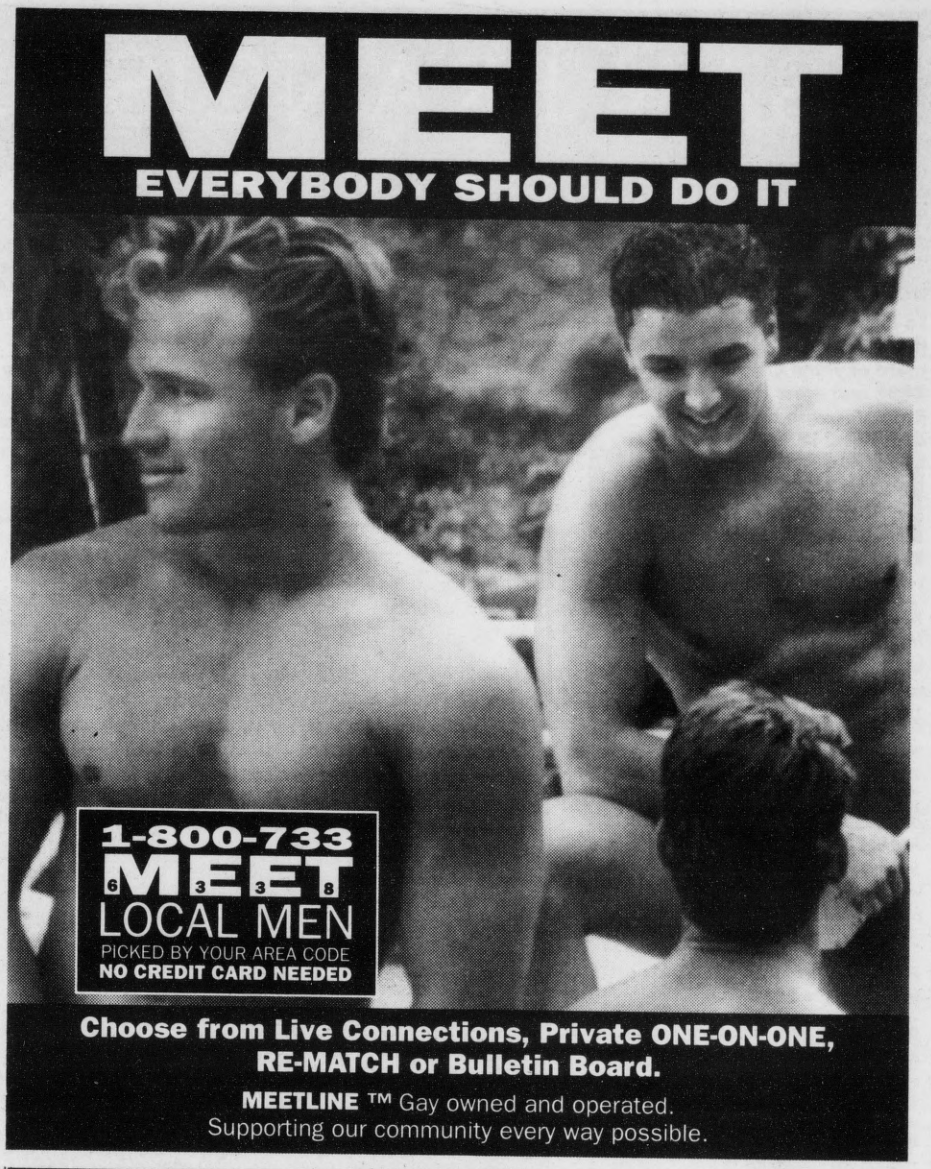
Sought by good-looking, sadistic top, 33, dark hair/eyes/goatee, absolutely queer for baby perverts, bent thugs, juvenile delinquents, and cute butt boys with "alternative" looks/outlook. You should be respectful, durable and like being hurt and held, punched and petted. Credit given for heartfelt participation in bondage and spanking scenes, as well as for spirited begging. Novices welcome: S/M tourists sternly discouraged. Call ★★2749.

Together Forever

I'm looking for a long-lasting, romantic, monogamous relationship. I am GWM, 31, 5'8", 125#, and cleanshaven; I am warm, gentle and intellectual, with interests that include the sciences, music and literature. I enjoy bookstores, libraries, running and good conversation. I'm looking for someone of any race (Asians most welcome) between the ages of 22 and 35 who is kind, generous, intelligent, college-educated and relationship-oriented. You should also be slim, cleanshaven and a nonsmoker. Together we can build something that will last forever. PO Box 40352, Berkeley 94704.

December Bear Seeks May Cub

If you are a 30 to 45 y.o., trim cub, consider this 6'2", 210#, HIV-, moustached, hairy, br/br, grizzled, FrP/FrA/GrA, 56-yr-old, gentle bear. I'm quiet but enjoy intelligent conversation, reserved, but emotionaly and sexually passionate, indepen-



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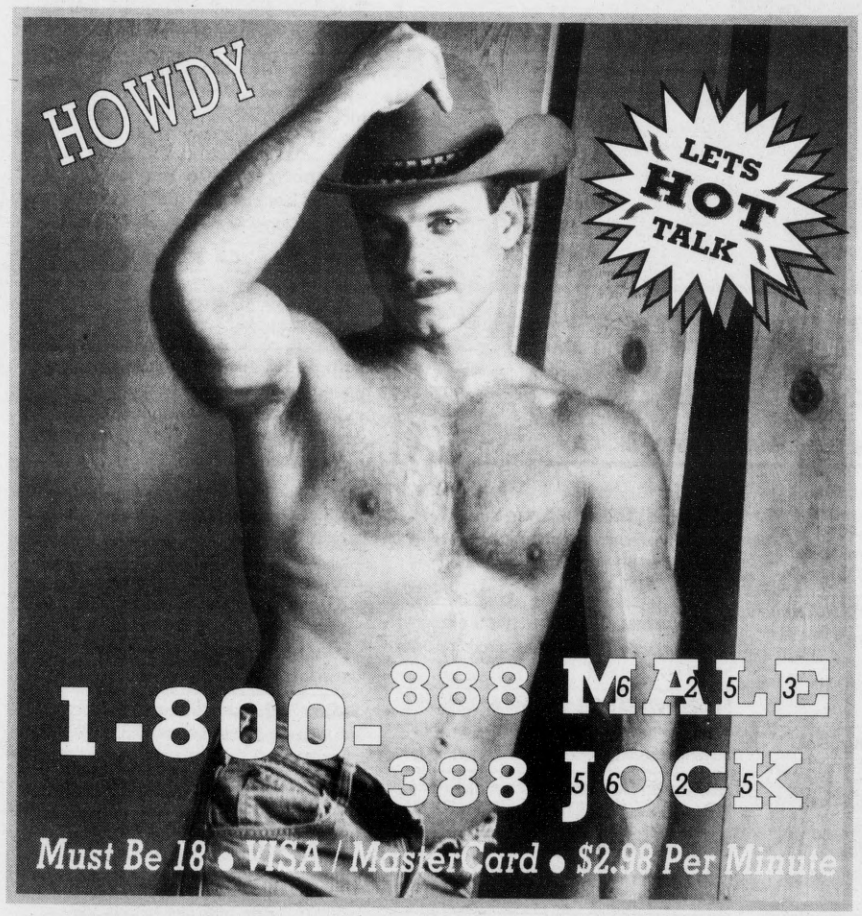

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HEY YOU! LIKE EUROPEAN MEN? I'm tall dark handsome will come to you, kick back & call ☎ 1704

Contra Costa County: I like Latin men. I'm blond blue eyed, 6'4, studly, into reciprocity, total contact, instinctual play, similar attitude call ☎ 2578

Kevin, 24, 5'11, 170, smooth clean shaven endowed BM seeks same, call for my number. ☎ 1902

Russian River: like to party? Let' enjoy some high times, 6', dark hair/eyes, 170lbs, med. built, not afraid to try new delights ☎ 2553

Curious 6'2, 195lbs, Bi-white discreet, clean, runner ☎ 2098

24 yr old BM, 5'11, 170lbs, smooth, clean shaven, seeks fit handsome Black men ☎ 2121

DR. Feelgood 22, 5'5, bttm, looking for someone 22-34 ☎ 2124

Take Charge Man Wanted by 25 yr old, 5'10, 135lbs, Yuppie, seeks dom. fun ☎ 2040

Boyfriend wanted by 6'2, blond/blue eyed, European college student ☎ 1045

49 yr old, clean, healthy GWM, 5'8, 150lbs, brwn hair, green eyes, any race ok 18-45, ☎ 2139

New boy in Town seeks BLACK male. I'm a 35 yr old, white male, 6', slim, handsome, homebody, new to S. Bay area, looking for slender tall 30-35 yr old BM ☎ 1521

AVAILABLE tonite. I'm a 25 yr old, 5'7, 165lbs, black hair/brwn eyes Bi-guys ok too. ☎ 1439

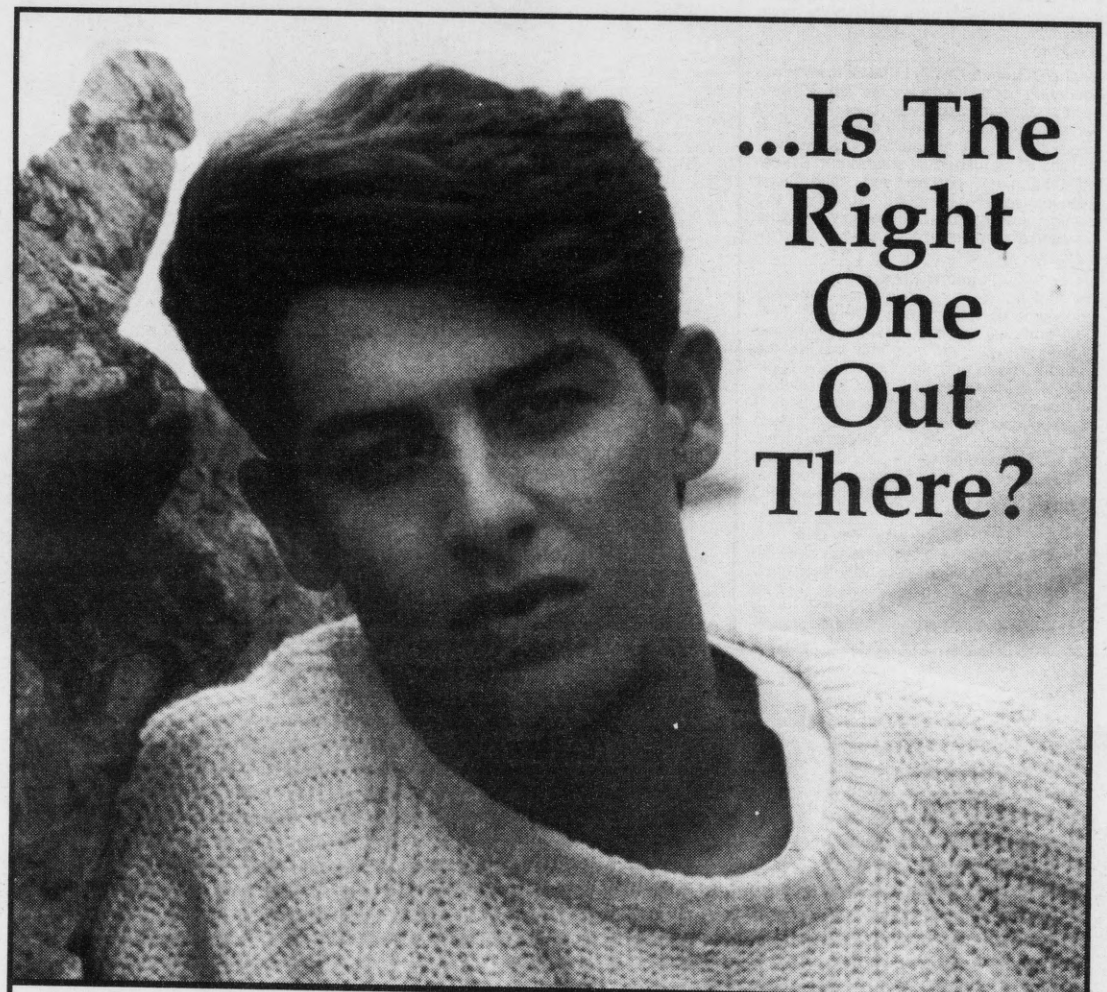
endowed with insatiable appetite for fun ☎ 1544,

Bald men wanted? or willing to become one? BM, goodlooking, thick, 160lbs, top man, call for hm number serious only ☎ 2159

Oakland: 30, 5'9, 150 lbs, black haired italian/spanish, tanned handsome, swimmer's body, ☎ 1860

Get aholda ME;. 34 yr old, tennis , ski, art , dining out, movies, museums, ☎ 1122

Bi-white male, seeking TV, TS, ☎ 1138



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Let's talk, let's meet, let's see, I'm a shy 27 yr old, hairy, 160lbs, brwn hair, avg. looks, new to gay life, ☎ 1735

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Versatile top, 30 something, BM, into outdoors, partying, seeking other versatile tops/couples call for hm number ☎ 1920

Goodlooking WM 6'2, 195lbs, married, bi-curious, looking for similar for lasting fun rel. ☎ 1850

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21 yr old, Tall muscular and handsome, reddish blond hair, I'm interested in attending CAL football games and ☎ 1778

Burlingame, CA: Bi-married nice guy, dark hair, would like to meet discreetly,body hair a plus,☎ 1738

SF: RU WILD? 32 yr old, 6'2, Italian/German, let's get together for wild adventurous time ☎ 1933

Anthony, Oakland, 20 yr old I'm looking for a...you fill in the blank. ☎ 1299

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S.Bay, VERY HANDSOME, GWM 27, 5'11, 175lbs, I'm very romantic and like cuddling ☎ 1661

British accented, I'm 25 yr old, 5'11, black hair, brown skin, ☎ 1208

28 yr old black male, looking for young white male, ☎ 1024

5'11, bodybuilder, 210lbs, masculine, I prefer uncut men 25-45, I enjoy experimenting ☎ 9494

Modesto, 28 yr old, bttm, into group activities, ☎ 1095

Partner for Danger this 37 year old, desires men up to 45 for mutual satisfaction.☎ 9138

San Francisco: Kyle, I know what I want ME:19 yr old, white, 6'2, great body ☎ 9187

San Francisco: Versatile Hispanic, passive, honest male seeks sincere male ☎ 9223

23 yr old, versatile BM, ☎ 9249

San Jose: This Easy to get along with, 37 yr old, good built, blond blue eyes, moustache, would like to meet local guys for quiet evenings ☎ 9138

SF: Born again virgin, 29 yr old, brown hair, half italian, I like to have lots of fun, ☎ 9419

Mark, San Francisco, 28 yr. old, seeking oriental guy for goodtimes ☎ 908

Jason, 22, 5'11, 155lbs, light blond hair, blue eyes, workout regularly looking for guys in the area. ☎ 9021

San Francisco area: 5'11, blue eyed blond, 24 year old, german, all races ok, looking for fun people call Kevin. ☎ 8951

Why not you? Why not now? 21 year old black male, 5'10, 140, let's go shopping together, or dancing ☎ 8978

Santa Rosa , CA 36 year old people pleaser, w/ good sense of humor, mark, 5'4, 120lbs, moustache and glasses, hairy chest a plus ☎ 8177

San Jose: All american type, young white male light skin mediterranean, large, tight muscular body, semi athletic, looking for smooth blondes bttm, ☎ 7948

49 year old, GWM, bottom love touching kissing caressing all races ok, Joseph ☎ 4086

Student loves to cuddle, 5'4, 120, slender, smooth, blond, blue, mustache glasses, enjoy cooking, long walks, hairy chests a plus leave message Mark,☎ 8177

S. Bay, 30, masculine, well educated, let's make a connections ☎ 7735

Penetrating eyes Decadence Dennis, 32, dark hair, let's explore ☎ 7596

I know what I want; a definite top man, I'm 5'10, 160, flat stomach, ☎ 7811

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Three Way OK, In S.F. outgoing funloving Gay couple seeks male 25-35 for fun. ☎ 7427

6'2" and eyes of blue, 180lbs., crew cut hair, 49, seeks bottom man. ☎ 7437

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Castro District, way cute and buffed out, 32, 5'11", dark hair, Hairy body, Jack, friendly and shy. Like all kinds. ☎ 6997

Physically Small Guys out There? Seeking 27-30, intelligent, monogamous hispanic male. Blondes a plus seeking same. Call Albert. ☎ 6115

Tahoe Indian, 29, 5'4", wants to meet you. ☎ 6899

Looking for Bi-time: show me what it's all about, I'm open to suggestions. My name is Ray, 26, 5'8", 145lbs., good shape, please be discreet. ☎ 6925

Hot Bi-curious, attractive white male seeks black male. ☎ 6417

Washington St., Seeking to age 40 for dating, going out. Into masculine, leather. I'm 26, 6', 180lbs., brown hair, beard. ☎ 7008

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Blue Eyed Gay Asian Male, Joe, 49, 5'8", 150lbs., goodlooking, seeking to meet SF men. ☎ 7106

Preppy Pete Is Back! and he's still 19, blond, blue eyes, 155lbs., 5'11", looking for 18-21, not just for rolls in the hay. ☎ 6881

29 & Smooth, seeking muscular top man. ☎ 6620

Young & Sexy, 24, 125lbs., blond. ☎ 6635

Hot Bi-curious, attractive white male seeks black male. ☎ 6417

Well Proportioned, tired of the bar scene, I'm 24, black, 5'11", 150lbs., enjoy amusement parks. Looking for trusting Latino or white males. ☎ 6509

Like Men Under 45 Mark, 31, 5'10". Call me. ☎ 6453

Into Beaches philosophy and maybe you, I'm 5'10", green eyes, 31. Come visit me in Monterey. ☎ 6456

San Jose, Latin, male seeks white males to talk on the phone with. ☎ 6046

San Francisco, Sam, 32, long hair, bi-curious, 5'8", 165lbs., seeks guys to hang out with for friendship. ☎ 5998

Open for suggestions, Waiting for your call. ☎ 6016

Rex, Gym Man, 28, blond, Enjoy a good sense of humor. ☎ 5985

John, 30, 5'8", seeks goodtimes in person or on the phone. ☎ 5923

San Jose Area, Goodlooking, white white male seeks under 23, under, 5'8", goodlooking, serious only. ☎ 6146

San Francisco, Inexperienced Mark, 21, goodlooking, seeks smooth men. ☎ 6150

S.F. Bay Area, Albert, Latino, 35. ☎ 6115

Santa Rosa area/Russian river area, or just passing through. Very discreet. ☎ 6117

San Francisco, Kevin, 6', 190lbs., brown hair, hairy, seeks bodybuilder, being Bi- is a plus. ☎ 6083

Santa Rosa Area, Safe playmate wanted, Alex, GWM, brown hair, clean shaven, hairy chest, healthy, good cook, discreet. ☎ 6227

South Bay, Fussy but attractive black male looking for any race except BM. I'm 24, 5'11", 145lbs., handsome, well built, seeking 18-25 only. ☎ 6265

Seeking well defined person, 21, olive skin, blond seeking serious only. ☎ 6358

New To the Area, Spicy hispanic, 25, leave a message. ☎ 6272

Silicon Valley, glorious euphoric masseuse, 34, 6', clean shaven. ☎ 6283

San Jose, Man's touch needed! Bi-male looking for smooth top man. ☎ 6351

Magnum, 6', 165lbs., seeks Dad type. ☎ 5625

Make friends or find Romance with Manfinder ads, place an ad today.

Burnt out Grad student, UC Berkeley, 5'11", clean safe, Latinos and Asians a plus. ☎ 5832

Show me the Ropes, Michael, 5'10", 28, 160lbs., blond. ☎ 5813

Strange individual in SF, into astrology, sci-fi, 5'11", 150lbs., Eurasian with long black hair. ☎ 5849

Ready for Steady, No head trips, Don, 29, seeks older gentleman 35-45, for good time. ☎ 5842

Love the Nightlife, 5'7", 175lbs., Rod, 22, Phillipino seeks asians decent for romance. ☎ 5529

SF area, If you like chocolate, call Ricardo the black top man. ☎ 5424

New to S.F., from Minneapolis with black hair. ☎ 5452

Bored In S.F., 18, call Kevin. ☎ 5265

Looking for Top Guy, Let me tell you a few things about myself. ☎ 5187

Duncan, Los Altos Hills, 26, 6', Engineer, Slim, Handsome, Attractive, enjoy baseball, Music, seeking companionship. ☎ 4021

Pleasanton, CA, looking to have a nice time, Randy, black male, 36, 5'9". ☎ 4937

Reno Nevada, 19, brown hair, handsome, bodybuilder, outdoor person. Call and ask for Brian. ☎ 4964

Friendly Guy, Tom, 6', 190lbs., hairy chest. ☎ 5013

Mike, 18, seeking 18-25 for romance and fun. ☎ 4926

Pleasanton area, Randy, 5'9", 165lbs., looking to meet guys 21-35, blond hair is a plus. ☎ 4866

Fun Lover, 30, 5'8", 150lbs. mustache, looking to meet guys 21-35, blond hair is a plus. ☎ 4866

East Bay, very smooth, into massages, looking for versatile men. ☎ 4883

American Indian, 5'7", 185lbs, preference is Italian, black or Latino. ☎ 4892

Gay Couple seeks, blond, verbal, ask for Mike. ☎ 5189

John, 33, 6'1", white, enjoy showing off, enjoy all varieties, especially dark. ☎ 5099

Randy, 30, 6', 180lbs. seeks fun guys. ☎ 5085

Tino, Italian, mature, hairy, 5'8", 140lbs., seeks BLACK mature for LTR, Bay area. ☎ 4005

Vincent, 23, seeks older gentleman, Sandy Blond hair, brown eyes. ☎ 5245

Mature Gay White Male, 68, wants younger men in San Jose Vicinity for friendship. No Drugs, would like calls from other states also. ☎ 4005

In S.F., Exotic, Spanish, Hawaiian, 5'6", 120lbs., 20, looking for fun or serious commitment. ☎ 4675

Sacramento

Matt, 5'9, brwn hair, blue eyes, 140lbs, 24, ☎2609

Stockton/Modesto: 28, 5'10, 170lbs, hispanic, hot, would like to meet area guys ☎ 2640

Modesto CA : REGULAR GUY: w/ playful spirit 34 yr old, masc. acting w/three children, please be discreet ☎ 2285

5'9, blond blue eyed, varied interest include, theatre, beaches, camping, hiking, I'm the nice normal guy you're looking for, call soon, ☎ 2100

Handsome brwn hair/blue eyes, 5'9, let's talk and play together soon, satisfaction guaranteed ☎ 2390

Modesto, CA: I LOVE IT! 33 yr old shy top, would like to talk/get together, meet new friends your move; ☎ 2062

VERY ADVENTUROUS AND willing to satisfy, 5'9. 32 yr old seeks dom. top man. ☎ 1088

Wanted Playmates: 33, brwn hair, hairy chest, grn eyes, applicants call ☎ 2448

V. Young and handsome **MOVING TO Sacramento soon—** I'm a 5'9, brwn hair, blue eyes, enjoy camping, travel, outdoors, ☎ 2389

5'9, brwn hair/eyes, 24 yrs old, 135lbs, would like to meet guys 25-30 in my area ☎ 2381

33 yr old, I like Latin guys, ☎ 1331

MASTERFUL White boss, 35 hairy, have strap with your name on it, call for details ☎ 1507

Sacramento: OUTDOORs enthusiast I'm 34 yr old, 5'9, 160lbs, enjoy camping fishing hunting, dining out ☎ 1205

Sacramento, Randy, 35 yr old, white, 5'9, 160lbs, I like to hunt, fish, camp, evenings out, must be discreet for friendship maybe more ☎ 9725

Sacramento: Steve, bi-curious, want to try something new ☎ 8876

Joe, Sacramento, 22yr old, italian, 5'7, 150 lean built, smooth body, nice person wanted ☎ 8161

Black or White OK, 25, let's spend time together, Ricardo. ☎ 7285

Comfortable in Old jeans, easy going, 5'7", 160lbs., semi-muscular, trim beard, hairy, enjoy camping, hiking, trips to Reno, Yosemite, real men only. ☎ 7287

Spanish American, Sacramento, looking for true friend, preferably 6'2 with eyes of blue. ☎ 4038

Gay Couple seeks gay men, or gay couples for good clean fun, no games. ☎ 7178

Intelligent and Humorous, 35, professional man. ☎ 7525

Clean Shaven from Fresno, 6' 170lbs., very handsome Steve, need goodlooking well hung man, please be discreet. ☎ 6786

Sacramento Law student masculine, 26, 5'10", seeks smaller, boyish, cute fun guys, clean shaven. Ask for Bob. ☎ 7077

Can Travel, 37, 6'1", 190lbs., dark hair, clean shaven, tanned top man seeks hairy body. ☎ 7033

Let's Explore Together, Mike from Sacramento, 35, 5'10", sandy grey hair, looking for fun and attractive men for fun times. ☎ 6999

Yes, seeking part time lover, I'm, 35 white, 5'9", 28 inch waist, smooth masculine, new to scene, Bi's OK. ☎ 6690

Seeking Asian Males for outdoor fun and afternoon get together, Steve, 29, 6', 190lbs., seeking young smooth men. ☎ 6489

Afternoon Delight, Romantic male seeks top men for afternoon fun. Live in Placerville area. Call me. ☎ 6574

Chico, 28, 5'9", 170lbs.. ☎ 5527

Sacramento Poet, I'm looking for a friend. "A true friend is one soul in two bodies". ☎ 4038

Stockton, CA, 5'11", brown hair, top man seeks younger guys. Leave a message. ☎ 5045

Sacramento, Eric, young guy without experience, no strings attached, call me and leave a message. ☎ 4911

Tired of Bar scene, Sacramento, handsome white male, 29, smooth seeks same. ☎ 5106

Valley GUY, in Fresno, 39, 5'10", 165lbs, seeks outdoors type between 25 and 35 for a monogamous and positive intimate friendship. Prefer non-smokers, drug free. ☎ 4017

Glenn, call me tonight, ☎ 4828

Sacramento, 5'9", 32, 150lbs., hairy chest, gentle top, let's cuddle, ☎ 3708

Sacramento, Let's meet late tonight, I'm Bisexual, passive, discreet. ☎ 4498

Sacramento, Seeking gentlemen for interesting fun. ☎ 4508

Sacramento, generous mid thirties, goodlooking. Seeking arrangements. ☎ 4419

S. Shore, Lake Tahoe, Latin male looking to make a connection. ☎ 4813

Sacramento 165lbs., Bi, Rick, ☎ 4235

Sacramento, RON, 5'5", 126lbs., with swimmer's build. Call me tonight. ☎ 4235

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Kris Kringle

Right jolly old man with full white beard and juicy 8″ flesh toy has twinkle in his eye for butts of distinction; hairy a+. Prefer boys who're ready to give up their toys when they see the one that I will bring. Wind it up—goes on for hours! Boys of any age that have a hankering for a real dad/top/father/mentor and are HIV+ encouraged to reply. Reply BT Box DC94A or call ★★2751.

1930s, '40s, '50s Kinda Guy

Living in a '90s world. Me: 6′5″, 185#, 36, lt brown, green. Love gardening (especially growing orchids), jazz, country, old rock, some classical. Love guys with hairy chests and legs, love to kiss and cuddle for hours, sleep close. Hoping for romance and marriage—maybe dreaming, but who knows? PO Box 10966, Oakland 94610 or call ★★2752.

A Needle In The Haystack???

Based on the Chinese zodiac, this GWM fire pig is looking for a GWM dog, rabbit or goat, meaning one would be born in 1939, 1943, 1946, 1951, 1955 or 1958. I am 6′2″, 195#, HIV-, 'stache, glasses, distinguished professional, FrA/P, GrA, cut, hard dick. Versatile background and interests, smoker, social cocktails only, traditional values, open mind, Southern heritage, spiritual, in touch with living. You: 6′ or taller, facial hair, (glasses a+, but not necessary), HIV-, professional, cut, FrA/P, GrP, socially inclined, interesting, w/a vitality for living. For friendship/possible relationship. Call ★★2753.

I Desire!

Tends to be my motto. Handsome, 31, GWM, 5′8″, 160 lbs., brn/hzl, cleanshaven Scorpio whose kiss does not sting! Enjoy reading, gym, cafes, dinner out, cooking (especially when I have someone to share it with), music, art, dancing and the outdoors (beaches). Wishes to meet an adventurous, somewhat spontaneous soul attached to a man in his late-20s-mid-30s, who is interested in developing a friendship first and moving forward from there. Trim, dark-haired men w/medium builds a+, cleanshaven and straight-acting +s. Call ★★2754.

Catalys'us

Attractive, charming GAM (age 22, 5′7″, 132 lbs.) seeks attractive, loving GWM (age 20-35, 5′6″-5′10″) for friendship that catalyzes a long-term, devoted relationship. I'm wholesome, conversant, intelligent, kind and humorous. You're sincere, well-educated, communicative and goal-oriented. I'm attracted to a cleanshaven look and a well-proportioned body. You lead a wholesome (ND, NS), comfortable life. We enjoy reading, classical music, good conversation, nature, movies, arts.... Send photo & words! Reply BT Box DC95A.

Let's Get Naked

Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 33 y.o., 5′8″, 140#, dark blond hair, green eyes, clean-cut, hairy, trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned) for fast response. Box 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★2755.

Boxer Shorts

Wit, intelligence and a tinge of wildness are big turn-ons for this boyishly cute, intelligent and mischievous 23-year-old student who is looking to meet cute, boyish-looking, masculine men (20-25) for no-frills mental & physical stimulation. Must also be in good shape, extremely stable/well-adjusted, nonsmoking/non-drug using, HIV-, and have a passion for laughter. Those taking themselves too seriously to get slightly off-beat need not apply. Letter with photo (returned) a must. Reply BT Box DC96A or call ★★2756.

Wrestling Duo

Two strong, experienced grapplers looking for other men for hot, sweaty mat action. I'm 5′8″, 150 lbs., 39, dark, very hairy; he's 5′11″, 175 lbs., 28, blond, smooth. Any kind of action, from tame, friendly, one-on-one freestyle workouts to rough-house, pro-style, tag-team battles. We have a wrestling mat in a private gym and lots of gear. Great hot man-to-man fun guaranteed! Call ★★2757.

Seeking Very Thin Asian

Handsome, professional GWM finds very thin Asians irresistible. You'll discover I'm caring, nurturing, generous, romantic, sometimes frivolous. I'm 50 (look 30s), Jewish, professional, 5′9″, 180#, moustache. I don't smoke or drink; I'm HIV-, workout regularly. My interests include cooking, PBS, classical music, travel (I'm studying Thai). I'm open to a one-night stand, casual affair or lifelong commitment. Call ★★2758.

All-American Guy

GWM, 29, 6′, 180 lbs., very handsome, HIV- and straight looks with brown/brown, not into drugs, games, but definitely into sex and sports. If you're in-shape, HIV-, extremely handsome, possibly Black, that lives a clean, honest, monogamous lifestyle, you will not be disappointed. Don't pass up this ad without responding. PO Box 30931, Walnut Creek 94598 or call ★★2759. Will travel.

Winter Warmth Sought!

Flannel sheets are nice but the warmth of a hairy man is what I want to turn up the heat on the cold nights ahead. I'm tall, classically attractive, hairy and very sensual. I'm also intelligent, idealistic, creative and fun to be around. I'm most attracted to shorter, husky, hairy, masculine men, but all reply because chemistry is where you find it! No smokers or drugs please. I'm also HIV-. Reply BT Box DC97A or call ★★2760.

Searching

For Black male, 30s-40s, to find out how great it can be together. I am a 42 y.o. small, slim WM. Interests include movies, music, travel, dining out & quiet time together. Adore cuddling & guy with black hair & moustache. Please be a nonsmoker, lt drinker & HIV- as I am. Reply with photo/phone # to BT Box DC98A.

Rock 'N Roll Queer

Are there any other gay rock musicians out there? I'm a singer/songwriter/recording artist looking for other creative guys interested in making music in the studio, onstage and between the sheets. Pixies, Jellyfish, Seattle bands, Beatles, Hoodoo Gurus. I'm 32, 6′2″, 175 lbs., HIV-, semi-longish gold hair, blue eyes, goatee, in-shape, nonsmoker, professionally employed. Other interests: great outdoors, mountain biking, scuba, travel, exercise, massage. Let's create harmony together in and out of bed. Reply BT Box DC99A or call ★★2761.

Closet Hetero

Good-looking jock, 6′2″, 200#, brn hair, blue eyes, 36, smooth & muscular, huge legs. Looking for a top to hang out with & service. Must be HIV+ or sensitive; hung & dirty-minded. Age not important. Picture & letter gets mine. Reply BT Box DC100A or call ★★2762.

My Christmas Wish

Unattached GWM seeks sincere and stable GBM to share life's pleasures and pitfalls. I'm 40, 5′6″, 160#, HIV+ and healthy. I enjoy hiking, art exhibits, the beach and frequent foreign travel. You will hopefully share a zest for a quality life and will find me open for new experiences. Let's start with friendship and see what the new year will bring! Call ★★2763.

Outdoor Adventurer

Handsome WM, 32, tall and lean, brown/green, HIV-, nonsmoker, looking to meet a masculine guy, under 40, also HIV-, nonsmoker, who enjoys the outdoors. I like mountain/road biking, backpacking and cross-country skiing. I'm intelligent, easygoing, in good shape, professionally employed and want to find a guy who shares similar interests. Interested in dating first; long-term goal is to be in a monogamous relationship. Call ★★2764.

Spank Your Butt

Hot, masculine top, 34 y.o., 5′11″, 165#, looking for in-shape guys with nice, round butts that need to be put over my knee for a good, old-fashioned spanking. Safe, erotic butt play OK too. Reply with photo to PO Box 14581, SF 94114 or call ★★2765.

I'm Hairy, Husky & Humorous

GWM, 38 y.o., masculine, balding, with moustache, seeks attractive, boyish-looking guy, 20 to 30 yrs. old, for fun & possible relationship. I enjoy films, bicycling, walks, simple pleasures, romance & versatile safe sex. Call ★★2766.

Uncut Black Man Wanted

I am a blue-eyed blond GWM in 40s, living South of San Francisco. I need a Black man with foreskin (a must) to spend evenings with; one that needs hot, raw sex, is HIV-, an animal like me. I'm tall, beefy, romantic nonsmoker. If your needs are empty, call me. Call ★★2767.

Professional—With Sense Of Humor

I'm a good-looking GWM, 34, 6′, 155 lbs., professional, honest, intelligent, sensitive, thoughtful, cleanshaven, HIV-, and have a good sense of humor. I love dogs, enjoy running, cycling, exploring, movies, dinner, conversation, reading, giving and receiving massages, quiet evenings at home. I'm seeking an attractive, intelligent, warm, sensitive, cleanshaven, fit GWM (or GAM) with compatible interests, under 40, HIV-, NS, ND, for dating and possible long-term relationship. Call ★★2768.

Young & Restless

21 y.o. college student, big & bronzed; 6′1″, blond/blue. I have a great body and I know how to use it. I am very good-looking but not too vain. I want to have fun this winter with hot & horny guys under 35 who are ready for a good time! Send photo & note. Reply BT Box DC101A or call ★★2769.

HIV+ Top Seeks HIV+ Bottom

Sexy, 35, br/bl, 5′10″, 155#, healthy, cleanshaven, sks 21-38, GW/GL for fun, friendship or even possible relationship. Varied interests. Love to act out fantasies—yours or mine. I'm smoke-, drug- and alcohol-free. Peninsula or South Bay a+. Ticklish a+. Can travel to you. So call and let's meet. Call ★★2770.

Toes For Me

I can't explain why but male feet really get me hot. I like to strip your feet then massage them and add licking, sucking and tickling to them. I also like to tongue bathe them and make love to them for hours at a time. Seek regulars or first timer GW/GL/GA males. Peninsula a plus, but can travel to SF or South Bay. Ticklish a very big plus. Safe, sane. Call ★★2771.

Who Cares?

Where you work, what you own, what about you? GWM, football player build with big bubble butt, big shapely calves, oral artist, wanted by smooth, masculine, HIV-, Latin, 5′9″, 140#, 38, hung. Very physically and emotionally attractive. One damn nice guy. Send name and number only—let's talk. Sabes como buscar una piedra preciosa? Reply BT Box DC102A.

A Sweetheart

I'm looking for a sweetheart who, like myself, is masculine, gentle & affectionate. We're both HIV-, nonsmokers, clean & sober, understand ourselves & are in touch with our feelings. We're emotionally available and look to establish a loving, committed relationship based upon trust, respect, honesty and open communication. We're both fit & trim, bright & creative, into our careers, playful & fun to be with. We're down-to-earth & easygoing & would rather be at home than in the latest trendy spot. We live in SF, thrive on the out of doors, long walks, long drives in the country, antique shops & flea markets. I'm 5′10″, 165#, 47, blnd/blue, beard & good-looking. You're mid-30s to mid-40s, a bit shy, quiet & gentle. We both love to touch & be held. We share the same goals and are ready to begin. Let's start now. Reply BT Box DC103A or call ★★2772.

Let's Be Honest
What I'm Really Looking For

Is one special person in my life—someone to do things together with, share the sorrows and joys of life with, and provide mutual caring and support. I consider myself a very good-looking, very discriminating, Cauc. professional, early 40s (really), 6′2″, 190 lbs., fair, bl/gr eyes, facial hair, HIV-. I have a fine, muscular build as I swim, run & work out on a regular basis. I enjoy painting, photography, travel, my home, dancing (avid CW & disco) and quiet times spent alone with one special person. I am somewhat reserved but exceptionally affectionate, tactile & demonstrative with my feelings with the right person. And I've been told I have a heart of gold. You should be a secure, unattached, 35-42 y.o., Cauc., with hot dark looks, trim hairy build, about 6′, no piercings, LD, NS, HIV-, and share most of the qualities and desires I do (East Bay Taurus?). I would prefer someone having a masculine, down-to-earth demeanor (as I do), not overly political or into the gay scene. Facial hair mandatory, a good 2-step follower highly desirable. I know you have a lot to offer someone. I know I do. So take the risk. Without risk, there can be no happiness. Without happiness, what else is there? Enclose spare photo. Reply BT Box DC104A.

Opportunity

26, 5′7″, Asian-American background, tight, lean body. Enjoys working out, travel, dining, dancing and creative arts/films. Prefer Caucasian, under 35, who, for compatibility sake, is honestly good-looking/cute, sharing, sensitive and very supportive, nonsmoker, HIV-, masculine, physically & mentally in top shape (no drugs!). Looking for the right guy whose heart is as big as his "hard-on." With that person, I love to cuddle, kiss and be close in bed. Do you fit the description? This honest opportunity is rare! Call ★★2773.

We Respect Each Other

GWM, 48, attractive, fit biker, hiker, relaxed, erudite, community committed & involved; socially, politically, environmentally aware and conversant; devout reader of the range of ideas far above Time and Newsweek; independent with time & readiness to commit to the other half. You: GM, 40-55, fit with similar interests, any race and just as intolerant of idle chit chat. You and I are discreet about our lifestyle but are actively committed to the guarantee of Bill of Rights freedoms. We are not clones of each other; while we may be quite different in non-substantive ways, we respect each other's nature and ambitions. We also recognize that, at this age, we are formed and cannot, will not be made over to suit the other's agenda. We are a piece, not the piece, missing from each other's puzzle. Call ★★2774.

Raging Case Of Jungle Fever...
But Otherwise Healthy

20-something GBM desires passionate, romantic relationship w/GWM, 30-45. I love tall, open-minded men who are able to appreciate a trim, good-looking, independent man of both fine and unusual qualities. Are you the masculine, thoughtful, take control type? Who is stable, sincere, value personal growth and have interests you like discussing in and out of bed—before, during and after great sex! Call ★★2775.

Interests:

Passion, youth, vibrancy, color, exhilaration, movement, difference, lips, sensation, communication, giving, ecstatic states, fitness, change. Disinterests: boredom, arrogance, drama, smoking, whining, John Wayne, monogamy, black clothes, white bread, traditional family values, facial hair, incommunicado hissy-fits, unsafe sex. Details: GWM, 32, 5′10″, brn/brn, 155#, hot, adventurous, versatile, very considerate. Sound interesting? Hold my "interest." Call ★★2776.

Try It The Right Way

Sex is important, but this time I want to start slower, get to know you, build on the emotional and the intellectual, become best friends so that good communication will allow us to fully appreciate all aspects of our relationship, including the physical. Me: WM, 6′, 175#, in-shape, HIV-, NS, ND, salt & pepper hair, hazel eyes, good-looking, 37 y.o. You: 25-35, good-looking, in-shape, NS, ND, HIV-. I enjoy the theater, movies, both in home & out, good books, music, walks on the beach, weekends away. If you're serious and you want to try it the right way this time, give me a call. Call ★★2777.

Daddy Seeks Son

Hot, blue-eyed, healthy daddy, 6′1″/215#, on Peninsula, seeks a son needing a smart, loving, passionate, nonsmoking man. I require a guy with a bubble butt, honesty, a job, a nonsmoker in 20s. Open to you living with me, no rent required if you're comfortable with that. Send #, picture to C.R., 751 Laurel Ave., #428, San Carlos 94070 or call ★★2778.

Asian Opportunity

If you are looking for a GWM who is handsome, trim, clean-cut and a professional from the financial district this could be what you have been searching for. I am interested in a sharing relationship and I am one who is very caring. Interests include films, travel, biking, hiking, beach walks, interesting restaurants with great food and other broadening experiences. Call ★★2779.

Mature Seeks Mature Lifemate

Attractive Italian, in-shape, very young 60, 5′8″, 155#, HIV-, brown/bald/brown, nonsmoker, short beard/moustache, hairy chest, uncut, clean, neat, honest, considerate, dependable, nice guy. I'd consider relocating for businessowner and be partner/lifemate. Enjoy home, reading, conversation, music, board games, plants, quiet times, monogamy. Please be nonsmoker and in-shape. Current photo appreciated/returned. Take a chance. I'm worth it. Box 6043, Eureka 95502-6043 or call ★★2780.

Asian

With an open mind sought by vintage Italian male for loving companion/romance. Enjoy beaches, swimming, bicycling, dining in/out, quiet evenings together, and a travel companion (perhaps visit Paris, Hawaii, Mexico, Spain, etc.). Sensitive, sensual, passionate, romantic, health-conscious. Bay Area and San Jose area. Call ★★2781.

Hedonia

Beautiful, buffed-out, hot young muscle party boys needed for an upscale Nob Hill party. We are three young, built, very good-looking professionals. We want to have a blast with the best. Please send a photo and a description of yourself. We'll take care of the rest. Reply BT Box DC105A or call ★★2782.

Hairy Stud

Like service dick? Get hot fuck? Me: 30, handsome, masculine, hairy, big dick. You: under 30, cute, hot bottom, eager to please. Call ★★2783.

So? How Come You Never Call?

I'm a good-looking, 35 y.o., Jewish man, HIV-, gym-toned, brown hair, blue eyes, warm smile, engaging conversationalist, good-natured, well-educated, sensuous, humorous. Seeking a man of substance and depth for present and future. P.S. I have good family values! Call ★★2784.

The BMW 750

May just possibly be the ultimate driving machine. But what is important is the man in the driver's seat. He is distinguished, physically fit, confident, attractive, possesses a great deal of understated class, and is very special. In addition to being masculine, he is also professional, 40-48 yrs young, supportive, a romantic, a top, and yes monogamous. This very handsome, 5′9″, 142 lbs., 30 yr. young, with smooth, swimmer's build, GBM, also happens to be intelligent, healthy, asymptomatic positive, clean-cut, hot-blooded, cool-minded Scorpion with great potential and personality. I'm seeking a low-maintenance, long-term relationship with a natural father type disconnected from the mainstream. A few of my interests include aviation, cooking, sun & surf, education, golf, travel, environmental preservation, friends, home and quite possibly you. Our mutual values include honesty, trust, communication, monogamy, health and mutual support. Call for further details and experience the difference between an ordinary relationship and the ultimate one! Reply BT Box DC106A or call ★★2785.

Dirty Talk/Jack Off Marathon

Oakland male into heavy mutual dirty talk, jack off, cock/ball worship while drinking/smoking/partying late evenings, my place only. Must agree to my place, agree to late night, agree to drink &/or party (share cost 50/50), must agree scene exclusive to jack off/dirty talk only, must agree to limitation of cock/balls (no other body parts). Age, looks, size not important. The preceding may seem picky, but 90 percent of past ads found people ignored what the ad was about. Now, let's have some good one-on-one get-together action soon! Call ★★2786.

GWM 40+ Seeks Asian 30+

I have friends but what I really need is a significant other in my life. I'm tired of going places with just friends or my roommates and their significant others. I'm HIV-, 5′9″, 140#, brown hair, brown eyes. My interests include photography, classical music, karaoke, movies, dining and dancing. Call ★★2787.

Asian Sex Buddy

Desired by handsome GWM, 31 y.o., 6′2″, 160#, HIV-. I'm blond, blue-eyed, energetic, well-hung, sexually versatile, lean swimmer's body, lots of blond fuzz, successful, independent, free-thinker. You should be GAM, 23-35 y.o., HIV-, nice face, proportional body, smooth clear skin, slim to muscular, short to tall, boyish to butch, honest, considerate, open-minded, good sense of humor. Relationship possible, but let's get (sexually) acquainted first. Safe encounters only. Berkeley/Oakland a+. Reply BT Box DC107A or call ★★2788.

Middle-Aged Dreamboat

52, but I can't believe it... and neither will you! 6′, 175#, HIV-, nonsmoker. Outdoorsy, bike-riding, mountain climbing sort of guy, but home-oriented too. Movies, bridge, symphony, drama (on & off stage). KQED, KDFC, KKSF, KALW. Long exhausting walks; long intense talks (over great meals). Let's start with a call & see where it goes. So what're ya waitin' for? A great catch! Reply BT Box DC108A or call ★★2789.

Uncanny Inability To Meet People

GW/AIM, 25, 5′11″, 180#. Long black hair/br eyes. Attractive, HIV-, non-raver, inappropriately serious or silly. I enjoy hiking, cooking, gym, reading, Star Trek. Seeking intelligent, creative and attractive single man under 35, with a sharp mind and a quick smile. Call ★★2790.

Bigger Is Better

Handsome big/tall male looking for big/overweight, masculine men who are somewhat dominant and are tops. Looking for a "big guy" who can help me explore my submissive fantasies. Write with photo to Boxholder, PO Box 1206, Capitola 95010 or call ★★2791.

Strong Silent Type

This 28, 6′, 160#, brown hair, brown-eyed human seeks similar, 20-30, lean, boyish guys for friendship and passion. I'm not into affectation or stereotypes and like those who are unique and individual. I am unconventional and like to experience all I can to the point where many would think I was reckless. My interests are martial arts (black belt Judo), acupressure & holistic medicine, travel, camping, rock music & rock climbing. Long hairs especially encouraged. Falcon. Reply BT Box DC120A.

Ain't Gonna Work

On Maggie's farm no more. 15 years was plenty, now I want to go back to having fun, looking for soulmates, pals to travel, camp, party and play with. I'm 43, 5′9″, 150ish, HIV+, good-looking, cleanshaven, energetic, irreverent, adventurous and a triple Gemini. Love art, rock 'n roll, the cool and the eclectic; dislike disco, bars, clones, stale scenes. I like rebels, punks, artists, outsiders; don't care about your money, muscle or dick status. Just be sorta like me physically, maybe younger, and a lot like me mentally. This is more about soul than sex. AIDS/ARC OK. Call ★★2792.

Slim Chinese Or Viet. Wanted

Warmhearted GWM, youthful 43, 6′2″, 172 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, counselor, seeks slim to skinny Asian, 20-33, for brother, boyfriend or lover. Prefer warmhearted nonsmoker, who exercises some and doesn't like bars. I'm affectionate and caring. Let me buy you lunch. Friendship first. PO Box 210202, SF 94121.

Looking For Chubby Buddy

I'm 46, beefy bear, bottom, masculine and sincere. Looking to meet shorter, younger, chubby guy for friendship and more. Let's meet for coffee and talk. I live in SF. Send photo to Box 291, Daly City 94016 or call ★★2793.

Sex Is Nothing

For me, sex without intimacy and affection is nothing. I'm a financially secure GWM. I'm a well-known composer/record producer/studio owner. I have a handsome face and a beautiful swimmer's body. I'm a nonsmoker, non-drinker and I'm HIV-. I'm 43, but people think I'm 35. I'm educated and I love the world of ideas and literature. I enjoy conversation, humor, nature, exercise, friends and silliness. I'm optimistic—I believe people are basically good. I believe we're on this earth to learn and grow and help others. I also believe that relationships are one of the best things life has to offer, but like most good things, they take a lot of work. Are you Asian, mid-20s to mid-30s, physically fit, playful and affectionate, passionate about life and career? Do you share my basic beliefs and some of my interests? If so, let's exchange photos.... Reply BT Box DC109A or call ★★2794.

Slim

Physically fit, HIV-, outdoor, masc. guy, young 50s, would enjoy similar outdoor guy for weekends, cycling, hiking, exploring SF and Bay Area. Then dinner, glass of wine, massage after. Open to other weekend activities too. Not over the hill yet. Are you? Call me. Call ★★2795.

Running Alone

GWM, 33, HIV-, intimate, committed, professional, seeks a "relationship-oriented" counterpart, 25-40, to share quiet nights at home, fine dining, conversation and spontaneous recreation. Reply BT Box DC110A or call ★★2796.

Can You Seduce Me?

Me: blond/blue, muscular, handsome, the kind you dream of scoring with. You: beefy/muscular, good-looking, sophisticated/experienced (or want experience!), getting poor, innocent, unsuspecting guys like me into bed! Wine and dine me, or just pounce on me! Press your advantage physically, or sweet-talk me into something I'd never have agreed to before! Creativity/imagination are key, let's explore together! Photos returned/exchanged. Reply BT Box DC111A or call ★★2797.

Hot Leather + Good Times

Red-haired, 33-year-old, bearded, 5′11″, 160 lbs., bottom, passionately into leather and life is seeking great times with similar-minded man, 30-45 years old. Leather means tight hoods, gloves, boots, tit-play and bondage. Life means ambition, intelligence, affection and interests in politics, cities and music. Goal: physically and emotionally compatible, monogamous relationship. Call ★★2798.

Who Am I?

Why am I here? Answer: Someone looking to date, seriously, and because the bars are just a place to occasionally go to with friends, not meet men. I love to watch and play any sport, read as much as I can, pay attention to politics (extremely liberal), enjoy the opening night of any movie, travel, believe that "straight-acting" is homophobic, and I'm great at romance (wild sex is part of romance). I'd like to meet someone who shares or at least tolerates all of the above. I lift weights and exercise, but I'm no gym bunny. I hope to, besides one day be Miss America, meet someone who is... breathing. I'm 5′8″, brn/brn and like men close to my height. Let's learn, through time, about the rest. Call ★★2799.

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Guy with 13 around neck, 26, 5′10″, 175#, searching for guy whose sexual preference is not obvious. I seldom turn down an attractive sexual opportunity, but I get all the sex I want and it's not the point of this ad. Physically I prefer someone 5′9″ or above that's my age. I've only asked one guy out in 3 years. I asked him to lunch. I'm looking for an individual. Music I like includes Gentle

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Missed Opportunity
Attractive, well-educated professional GWM, 5'8", 150#, br/bl, 30s, HIV-, muscular, seeks attractive, muscular, financially secure GWM, 30s, HIV- in SF. We've probably seen each other already—the gym, the Lion on Wednesdays, Rawhide—but too shy or intimidated to approach. Damn, another missed opportunity for both of us! Pluses: two-steppers, workout regularly, dogs, love travel, sexually versatile. Call ★★2802.

Handsome
Playful, friendly & bright, I'm a visual artist looking to meet & date other quick-witted, outgoing, in-shape men, 30s-40s. You'll find me to be affectionate, imaginative, enthusiastic, creative & spiritual; very sensual, sexual, versatile; and a helluva kisser to boot! I'm 36, 5'11", 170#, br/hzl. Enjoy art, music, clubs (Dekadence); hot dancing; good cooking; sci-fi/fantasy; sweaty sex (in saunas); cool evenings; cuddling. If you think any of this fits, write to: 2269 Chestnut St., #226, SF 94123 or call ★★2803.

Bill Clinton Is My Hero
I'm looking for an ongoing playmate, who may become more. I'm 40, healthy, HIV+. My interests include exploring S/M (as daddy's boy), spiritual growth, Democratic politics, movies, dancing, music... Chemistry is important—include photo with response. Reply BT Box DC121A.

Expansion
I need more friends in my life! 25 y.o. QWM (Pisces) seeks other gay/queer/bi men for the fun new friendships create. I love garage sales, flea markets, thrift stores, movies, spicy food, beaches, outdoors, hot springs, sewing, art, music, magic, video, lounging and window shopping. I seek companions who are honest, sincere, sensitive, gentle, aware, creative, stable and fun. If you're 20-35, look good, feel good and want a good friend, please call. You never know where friendship will lead. Call ★★2804.

Muscular Attraction
Monogamous, sincere, romantic male enjoys working out, cooking, film, TV, art, theater, dancing, gay night life, Democrats, fashion, 501s, gentle & passionate bodyworship, titplay and J/O. I'm a smooth, muscular Asian, 5'7", 150#, 40c, 30w, 14a, great legs, moustache, HIV-. No smokers, drugs. If you're relationship-oriented, gym-toned, have similar interests, around 40, please call ★★2805.

Baby Me, Baby
And I'll make all your blues go away and then I'll baby you the same way. I am 26 y.o., 5'8", br/bl, 140 lbs., Italian, HIV+, total bottom. Can melt your lips with one kiss. Interests: rain, fireplaces, blanket, wine, crackers, cheese, you & me. Looking for the man who could melt my lips. Send letter, photo, will return. PO Box 3541, Antioch 94531-3541.

For Asians And All Others
Who are young and young-looking, slender, clean, smooth and honest! I'm a bearded guy, 5'4", 120#, originally from Russia, friendly, sincere, discreet, with nice smile, 34 y.o., kind of shy, would like to get to know you. From a cup of coffee to friendship and.... Please take a try and reply (with photo if possible) to Box 51, 1001 Page St., SF 94117.

Communication, Love, Intimacy
GWM seeks long-term relationship with active, honest, open, caring young guy. Especially attracted to Asians, Latins but not exclusively. I am supportive and sharing. You be 18-34, HIV-, NS, intelligent, interested in expanding experiences and willing to experiment with life. Open to helping student or struggling young man but not looking to be daddy. Trust and sincerity are important. I'm 47, healthy, slim, well-defined, safe, HIV-, well-educated, with a life of love and experience to share. City or upper Peninsula. Call ★★2806.

Uncommon Black Male
Can you relate to my warm heart, caring soul and romantic sensuality? Can I experience your maturity, intellect and sincerity in a quiet moment of intimacy? Savor the thought. I am 37, attractive, 5'8", 135 lbs., and enjoy the basic pleasures of life: movies, dining out/in, lazy Sunday afternoons, travel, music and dancing. Your list of uncommon ingredients should include: age 25-40, attractive, stable, healthy, trim, versatile/bottom sexually and most of all—honesty. Reply BT Box DC113A or call ★★2807.

Hawaiian Surfer Looking For Bodybuilder
20-something native, 5'7", 145 lbs., seeking others interested in other men. Would like to share quality time and high energy with sincere men with similar interests such as keeping fit, quiet dinners, honesty and bonding. It's cold in San Francisco and the holidays are here so let's get together and work up a sweat. Let's go to the darkroom/gym and see what develops. Reply BT Box DC114A or call ★★2808.

Boyfriend Wanted By Christmas
Me: 49, GWM, 6'6", 175#, HIV+ (healthy), runner, beard, trim, top, tender, masculine. I decided my life needed change and my spirit tells me this is where I'll find my life's companion, so sailed my boat (home) here from San Diego. A snapshot of me might be running the Maui marathon, riding an ancient steam train in the Andes, or climbing the cliffs of Zion. You: 30-40, person of color, 150-165#, HIV+, healthy, gentle, affectionate, visual, adventurous, inquisitive, creative, sensual. Goal: learn, grow, trust, friendship, support, share life and love from the campfire to the alarm clock. PO Box 70526, Oakland 94612 or call ★★2809.

I Don't Want 1-Night Stands
I'm 33, 6'3", 175#, dark-haired, more top than bottom. We are both professionals, independent, HIV-, NS, down-to-earth, honest. I'm looking for a caring and committed GWM individual who is also about my height and weight, between 33-45 y.o. and ready for serious monogamous relationship. But first let's meet and talk. Please send letter with photo (returned). Reply BT Box DC115A.

Where Are The Cute Guys?
GWM, 32, 6', 180#, blk/br, HIV-, Italian, clean-cut, very good-looking, seeking relationship-oriented, romantic person. I am affectionate, compassionate, considerate, intelligent and have an optimistic outlook. Seeking someone with similar qualities who has the capacity and desire to explore a monogamous relationship. Please respond if you are a stable nonsmoker who has a lot of interests and enjoys having a good time. PO Box 425483, SF 94142 or call ★★2810.

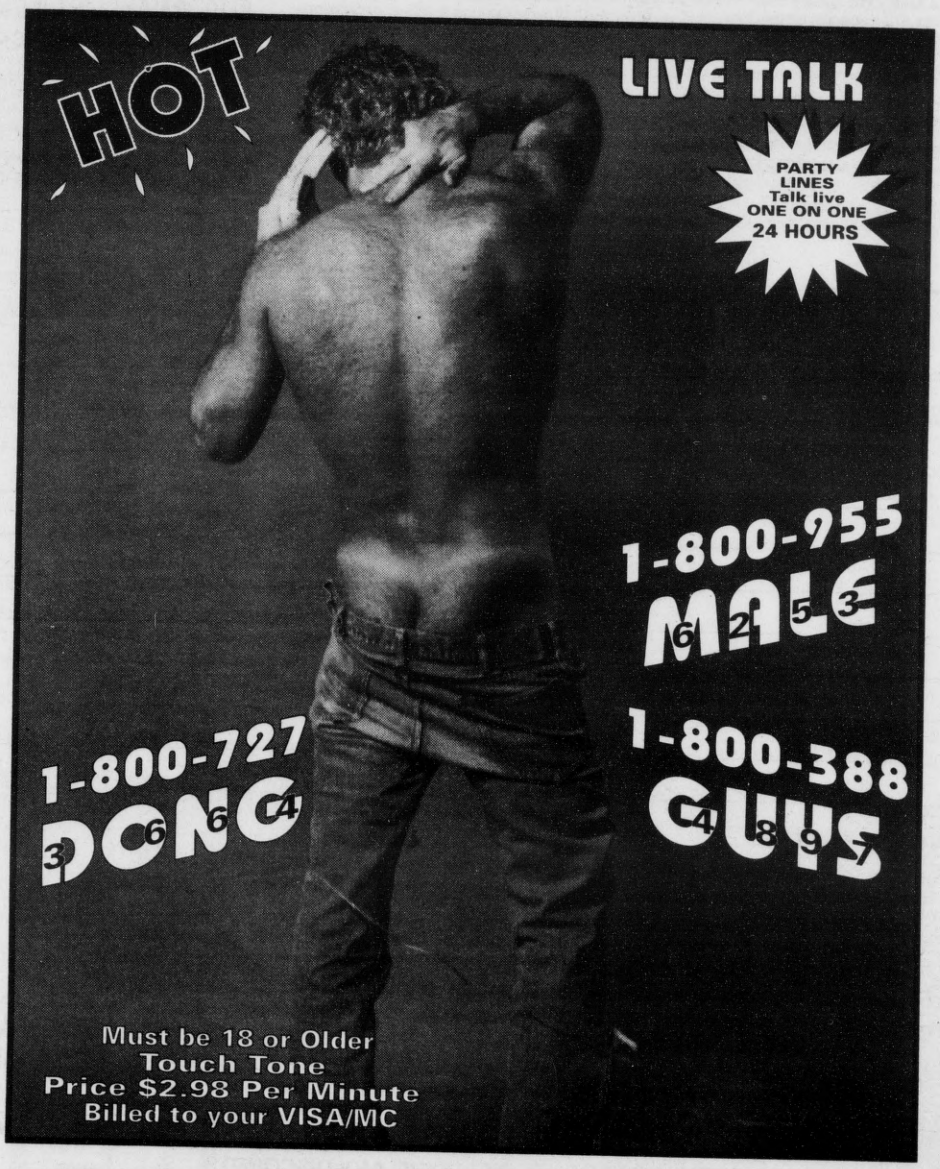
Tough And Tender
This GWM is seeking an adventurous Asian friend who wants a strong, masculine guy to manhandle, control and dominate him while offering pleasure, tenderness, trust and sincerity. Explore your fantasy with me. Explore your desire with me. I'm tall, strong, 33, and I understand your needs. I am experienced but healthy, tough but tender. We can try the simple and exotic, common and unusual. Write me at PO Box 61423, Sunnyvale 94088 Call ★★2811.

Positive Outlook
Me: HIV+, on disability, GWM, 31, 5'9", 175 lbs., bld/blue. Average guy, not buffed, fat or skinny. Not into the mainstream lifestyle, clubs or groups. Like: 1-on-1 conversation, small groups of friends, walks, movies, short trips, TV, cooking and KBLX. You: 26 to 36, HIV+, on disability, not into mainstream and have similar interests. Dark hair and a little kinky a plus. Let's enjoy life together! Call ★★2812.

Sonoma County
Man, 50, short, sensual, safe, sane and stimulating, seeks independent, responsible, HIV- friend with sexy, smooth bottom that is open and receptive to good times. Let's get it on, get it in and live the dance of life with passion, creativity, affection, tender care and humor. Write: Boxholder, PO Box 144, Graton, CA 95444 or call ★★2813.

Slave Sought
Master, 40, seeks slave with experience who is a pig about: pain, abuse, sharing, being owned, rituals, bondage, wax, paddling/whipping, bonding—being a part of a man and exploring life on all levels. Permanent sought—trained and developed progressively. You seek control by dominant man who uses all your talents toward focusing on time/behavior well-spent and blooming toward complete fulfillment. Make me believe it. PO Box 14843, SF 94114 or call ★★2814.

We Are One! (Maybe?)
GWM, 21, 5'8", 170, in-shape, good-looking, trim beard/moustache, seeks nice people. We are healthy vegetarians—not pretentious health nuts. Social consciences are advanced beyond slogans/bumper stickers; like to ride bicycles



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Fuck The Norm

28 y.o. QWM, politically aware, pseudo-activist, music addict and dissenting corporate sell-out, looking for a free-thinking queer who takes pride in his Kerokerokeroppi lunch box, guerilla boots and Miss Clairol hair color. No closet cases, no libertarians! Alternative cultures, industrial/techno thrashers and Greg Brady encouraged to apply. Call ★★2815.

Attractive Italian, early 30s, good body, looking for other hot men interested in hot manplay: water sports, verbal domination/humiliation, light bondage. Available for group play or one-on-one. Looking for both tops & bottoms. You must be in your 20s or early 30s, good-looking & have a gym-toned body. Call & let me know what you're interested in. Call ★★2816.

Like Leather But Not S/M?

If you are slim and young and like the way leather daddies look, but have been afraid to do anything about it because you were afraid of the possibilities of pain, domination, etc., then this ad is for you! Distinguished leather daddy, s&p hair, trim beard, late 40s, will introduce you gently into the leather world. No pain, just TLC, patient instruction. You should enjoy giving head, being subservient, possibly light bondage. Prefer relationship but one-nights OK. Call ★★2817.

Don't Box Me In

This Marxist/feminist is bored working for corporate Amerikkka. Let's overthrow heteropatriarchy, or at least have a good time. I'm mistaken for a conservative pig and a bourgeois snob; appearances are deceiving. I groove on Fanon, Said, Spivak, Kureishi, Simpsons. I'm not trapped in a paradigm. I love to cook; I'm looking for a good conversationalist to complete the meal. Want to swap ideologies? Reply BT Box DC116A or call ★★2818.

Live-Wire

One tall, lean machine! Straight-appearing, handsome blond, late 30s, a live-wire with a touch of craziness, HIV+, nonsmoker/drinker into Levi's and motorcycle boots; seeking mature soulmate for LTR. Like the quiet/shy artistic type, 18-26, to share the craziness, hiking, movies, walks in the park, along the beach, quiet evenings, passionate lovemaking and exploring the nooks and crannies of the City by the Bay. Reply PO Box 460771, SF 94146-0771 or call ★★2819.

SF Bottom Seeks Mountain Top

Hot, fit, WM, 57, 6′, 170#, beard, tatts, rings, subincision, deepthroat, HIV-, independent, artist, creative, kinky, fun, easygoing, open to all scenes (B&D & your trip) seeks country located topman for town (my place) and country (your place) living. Relationship seriously considered (fuckbuddy to more, monog. or open). Age 40+, any ethnicity, looks, size. Be intelligent, imaginative. Box 302, 1117 Geary, SF 94109.

Where Is This Guy?

Easygoing (shy and inexperienced OK) WM, 30s or younger, dark hair and eyes, healthy HIV- sought by AM, 30s, 5′11″, 185#. This guy should not be into the "gay scene," sincere, discreet, affectionate and not into drugs. I like the outdoors, dining out, massages, hugging, kissing, giving head and receiving gently from behind (condoms). I'm looking for a friend/lover relationship or more. Call ★★2820.

Man For All Seasons

The men who tried to reach me, please try again. I was away for eight weeks longer than anticipated. Very good-looking, masculine, bl/bl, 6′1″, 180#, athletic, 31, outdoor enthusiast. Looking for dating/relationship with man, 35-45, who's solid, masculine & comfortable with self & top oriented. Interests: ocean, walks, mountains, 4x4 extended weekends, snow, kink, scuba, cooking, hot sex, clouds, evenings at home, cycling, arts, w/o, rain, cuddling, horses, trust, lakes, HIV+, partnership, ranch, imagination, stars, optimism, city, romance, honesty. Lost life partner of ten years. Ready to share again. Photo pls (will return) to: M.S., PO Box 460921, SF 94146-0921 or call ★★2821.

Rock Star

White skin on this 25 y.o. dude from Ohio. Been here a few years but have yet to meet dream stud. Interests include dirt bikes, muscle cars, rock music, working out, movies. I am laid back, on the shy side (initially), sexually versatile. I have brown hair, hazel eyes, 149 gym-toned lbs., 5′10″, NS, ND, HIV-. Would like to meet and/or correspond with 18-28 y.o. guys for friendship and/or relationship. Send photo and descriptive letter and I'll reply with same. Boxholder, 2300 Market St., Box 89, SF 94114.

Marry Me

Athletic, mid-40s GWM seeks to wed and bed with an energetic younger man. I'm 6′, 165#, HIV-, balding, confident, good company, mostly top; professional; many interests. Traditional values & experience in keeping commitments once made are important. You are also employed, HIV-, NS/ND. Butch athletes a+. Write PO Box 9056, Berkeley 94709 or call ★★2822.

Asian Aroused

And looking for landing. Seeking traditional family values: intimacy, sharing and long-term compatibility. Adventurous, intellectual, masculine yet sensitive describe me. Handsome and fit, 5′6″, 128 lbs., early 30s. Would like to meet sweet and cute guy or compatible equal near my age or younger. Race unimportant. 5214-F Diamond Hts Blvd., Box 812, SF 94131.

Nice Buns, Nice Brain

Nice guy too. Craving not necessarily nice but still affectionate HIV- top with enough of the sadist in him to make life interesting. If you like cities, cafes, conversation, cheap dates, closeness, self-employment, want boyfriend, we might connect. If you love bridge, Bradshaw, Brooks Bros., drumming, partying, probably we won't. I'm 40, HIV-, fit, trim, attractive, love giving head, getting fucked. Brits, Scotsmen answered first. Reply BT Box DC117A or call ★★2823.

Relationship

GWM, 33, 5′10″, 150 lbs., intelligent, observant, empathetic, introspective, easily amused, occasionally eloquent, masculine, HIV-, well-muscled, East Bay resident, good-looking, hairy, clean-shaven, musical. Seeking joy, intimacy, sex and mutually supportive relationship with someone 30 to 40 years old with similar qualities. Call ★★2824.

No Guts, No Glory

Yes, it takes guts to answer one of these ads—never know who you'll meet, but if you don't give it a shot you might spend the holidays alone. So, pick up the phone and give me a call. 43 y.o. GWM, 5′9″, 168#, HIV-, blue/blond (bald), trimmed beard. Affectionate, sexy, great sense of humor, financially responsible, ND, NS. Seeking relationship. Call ★★2825.

Older Bald Overweight

Here is my dream. Small business partner also is my sex buddy. I'm GAM, 50s, 5′10″, 165#, not bad looking, sincere, willing to invest in a small business venture of any kind, but safe for retirement living. Interested? Details? Please write to BT Box DC118A or call ★★2826.

Flash!

Amateur photographer in advanced class seeks subjects for his potrait portfolio. I will be happy to show you in advance samples of the quality of my work. Let's be creative together in capturing your personality and thoughts on film. To say "Thank You," I'll give you a couple of enlargements. You'll have access to all the negatives. It's strictly between you and me. Reply BT Box DC119A or call ★★2827.

More Than Sex

You're multi-faceted; so am I. How many facets can we connect? In the Porno Movie of My Life I'm the hunky topman who loves to tie guys up and fuck them. In the Grand Cosmic Sitcom of the Universe I'm the weird (but lovable) next door neighbor. I've been told I'm good-looking, sexy, funny and bright—but never all at the same time. Funky life/home/clothes/ideas. Queer-identified (fuck straight-acting); blue collar roots (hang the rich); too many neurotransmitters in the synapses of my brain. I'm sexually turned on by firm-bodied guys under 36 (okay, so I'm shallow!); pluses for under 5′9″ or smooth, runner's body or cute, nerdy intellectuals in glasses; please be non-racist, pro-feminist, aware and awake in the '90s. Asian, Black, Mediterranean, redhead, sundry others—all great! I'm quirky, creative, HIV- (dumb luck), "daddy-type teddy bear" in boxer shorts, 41, 5′7″, 168# (and need to get back to 150#), hung, redbeard & very, very, very hairy; kinda Vincent Van Gogh with both ears and a Clinton/Gore haircut. So what am I looking for—more than sex? It's dumb to place too many expectations on this (no wedding plans just yet), but it would be nice to have a date for New Year's Eve or to have a boyfriend when Valentine's Day rolls around. Interested & interesting? Reply BT Box DC122A or call ★★2828.

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SWALLOW MY PRIDE

GGREG DEBORAH TAYLOR, O.S.

NITECLUBS ARE MORE than cavernous rooms with sound systems and a light show. A number of recent entries serve as examples that the best intentions don't often result in successful execution.

Clubland revolves around the premises of escape and unification. Local scene anomaly Richie Rich was once quoted in the *SF Weekly* describing clubs as "bomb shelters, only with cocktails," an apt enough description.

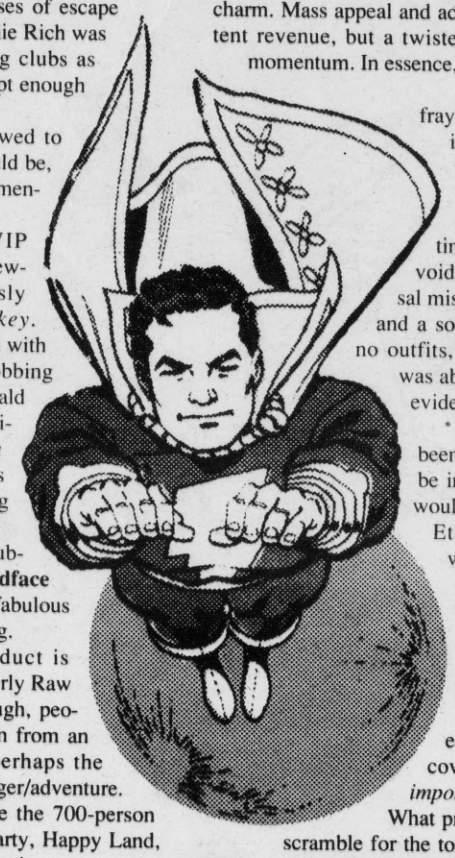
In the space we create, we are allowed to reinvent ourselves, becoming who we would be, were the world a more accepting (not to mention more interesting) place.

Perched in the doorway of my VIP lounge at my karaoke party, I watched a new-drag-in-town pounding out a ferociously inspired version of Tony Basil's *Mickey*. Daniel was heavily designed, head adorned with 18 inch Valkyrie horns whiched were bobbing madly, body draped in a diaphanous emerald green throw, which whipped the air frantically as he crooned, "*You're so fine you blow my mind.*" I felt empathetic joy at his freedom, though I questioned his song choice.

One of the best features of queer clubbing is the potential to be Somebody. **Boldface** supplants validation, and celebutantes are fabulous drug toys for the masses; dosing and dishing.

Running a weekly party like Product is leagues different from producing my quarterly Raw Meat warehouse underground. Oddly enough, people expect more from a regular venue than from an underground rave. At my loft parties perhaps the biggest selling point was the sense of danger/adventure. With two teeny fire exits to accommodate the 700-person crush, I briefly considered renaming my party, Happy Land, but in the interest of good taste, opted against it.

Also, having San Francisco's finest pounding on the entry doors below as hundreds of people excitedly whispered on the second story above created a shared feeling of community under siege, and there's nothing like a shared experience of oppression, perceived or real, to bring people together. At one point one of the officers said to his partner, assumably for our benefit as we snickered nervously just inside the door, "Hey, I think I smell Ecstasy." Oh please, buy a clue and go smoke some acid.



Though unification through interaction is the central theme of Clubland, and the focus should be on people, the bottom line remains that clubs are big business. Commercial appeal and success is drastically different from underground charm. Mass appeal and accessibility is necessary for consistent revenue, but a twisted edge is necessary to maintain momentum. In essence, Club Lords commodify hipness.

When Product first entered the fray, I knew it would quickly damage its competition. Carefree was suffering from the same problem Gus had had with Colossus: little creativity. Both succeeded in their time because they filled a temporal void. Carefree made Colossus' colossal mistake, giving little more than lights and a sound system: no scene, no shows, no outfits, no nothin'. Though they said it was about everybody, it quickly became evident that it was about nobody.

The business end has always been the nasty part. It's an icky biz to be in, and often I wonder why others would aspire to work in the industry. Ethics tend take to the sidelines when alcohol, drugs and money are involved, or in this case, central.

Competition for customers undulates from intense to cut-throat; everyone wants to be at *The* club where everyone else is, especially on Saturdays when cover charge is highest, and fun is *important*.

What promoters do to each other in their scramble for the top of the food chain can be nasty. When one het Friday venture went up against another a while back, one of the promoters sprayed mace in their competitor's club. Remember now kids, it's about love and coming together. Another popular trick is to call the Fire Marshall on the competition. Or as I am combatting presently, to take rival's flyers out of stores.

When I started doing parties it was purely for fun and fame, producing benefits for ACT UP, Akimbo and Prevention Point. Recently I produced (and paid for the majority of) the election night celebration in the Castro. I've never related well to people who run clubs purely for the money, especially those who give nothing back to the queer community which supports them. Bill Camillo of Pleasuredome throws benefits constantly. Mike and Lewis of Uranus/Chaos fame have been very supportive in return to those who support them. But the bottom line for any Club Lord should be: When it stops being fun, stop throwing parties.

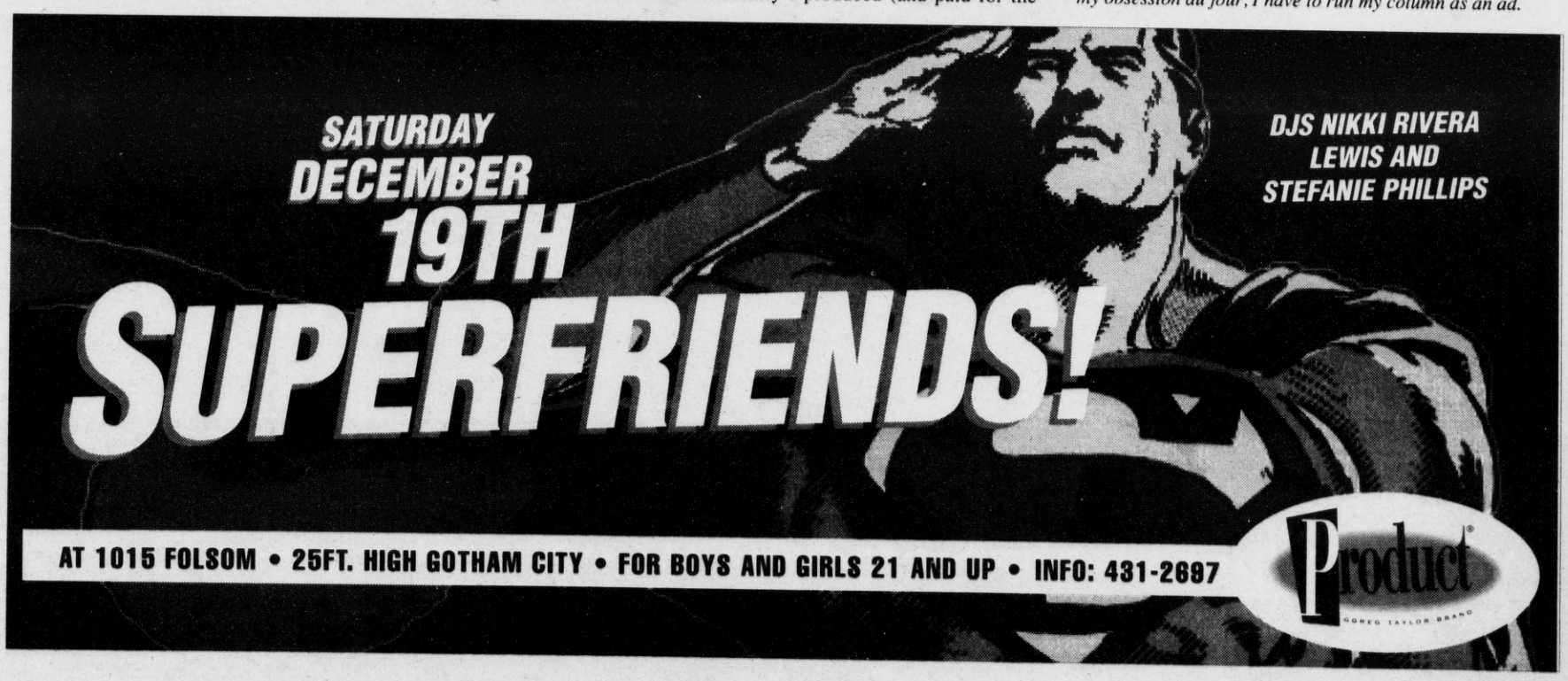
As a club-goier, it's nice having a place to trash that you don't have to clean up. Keeping the feeling of a party rather than a club is the best way to ensure freshness. Ever-changing special events become formulaic as well, as does the maintenance of a sense of unpredictability. I like to think that planned spontaneity is nice.

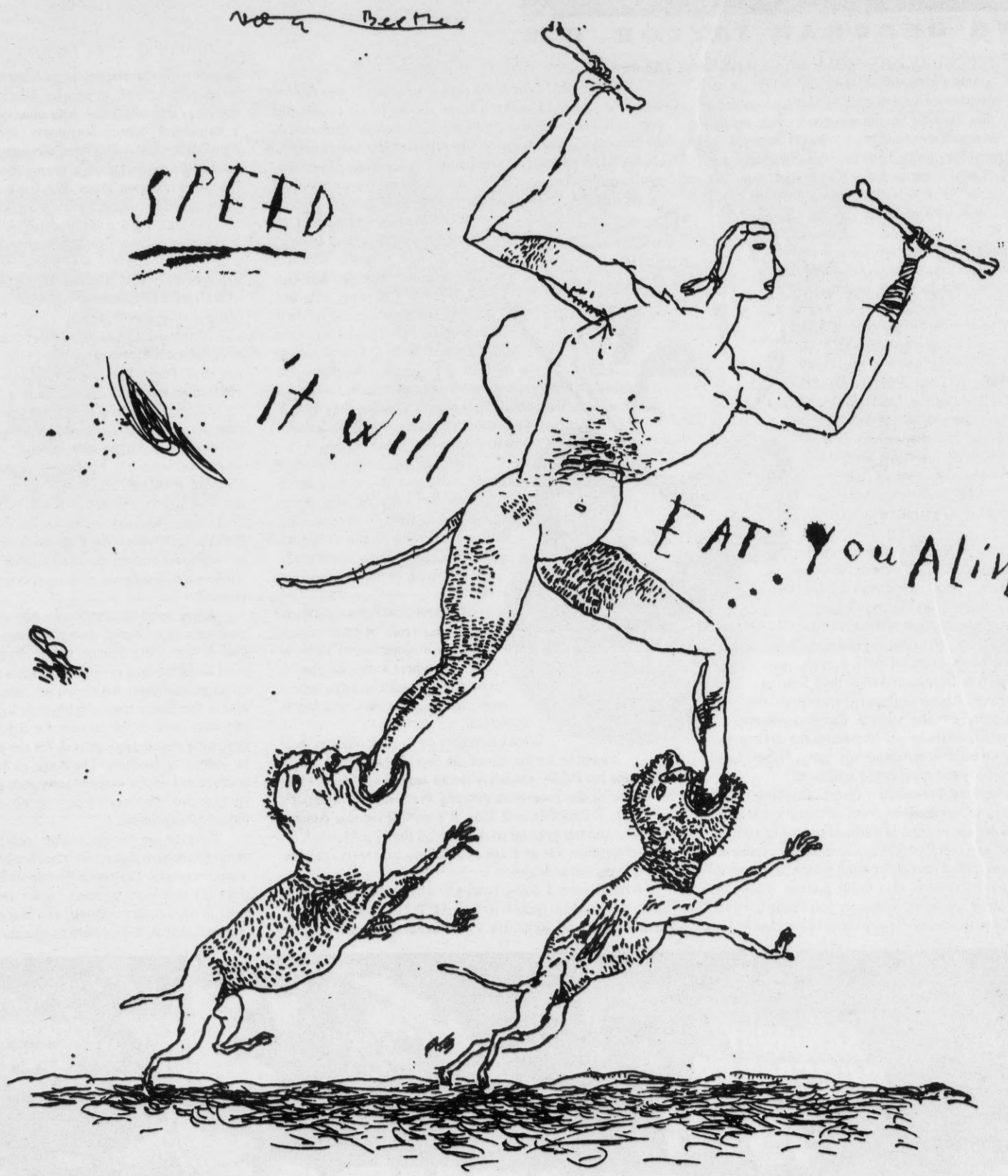
This week I've hired a street musician to play accordion in my mens restroom (for which I apologize in advance to the pee shy). I hope this doesn't eclipse Ru Paul who'll be performing on the main stage at 2 am.

Other events will be ongoing. Rena McDonald, still the reigning champion of North American High Heel Wrestling, wants to hold an Amway seminar in the Lounge upstairs, where karaoke has become a regular monthly booking. Keeping a tradition that would otherwise fall by the wayside, the Miss Uranus Pageant will also be held at Product January 23rd. Peggy Kawamoto, the Tupperware lady from down the Peninsula, however, isn't returning my calls since I used her to burp salad crispers for drag queens at my Lypsinka party a while back. I suppose if no one else gets it, at least I'll be amused.

Large scale special events, however, are the most fun to produce and to attend, providing large budgets for otherwise useless items. For Product's Superfriends party on Dec. 19th we'll be harnessing go-gos to winches which will lift them up to go-go platforms which we are mounting from the I-beam above the dance floor. Tyler-Bob Ingenue Popstitute, who provided most of the artwork for my Forgotten Ballroom, is designing installation artwork for the entire space which will be redone as Gotham. The stage in the main room is being restructured with a sub-surface lighting system which will be spectacular. Useless? You bet, but fun is expensive and money is disposable.

Forgive me for the blatant self-promotional nature of this infotainment piece, but why should anything change? My regular column, Welcome To Me *will return soon, however since it's unethical for me to write about my for-profit ventures in my regular column, and since I tend to write about my obsession du jour, I have to run my column as an ad.*





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